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SUMMARY.

In the Japanese House of Representatives Count Komura stated that the Anglo-Japanese Alliance was constantly gaining strength.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" states that the late King Leopold agreed to the invasion of France through Belgium.

This plan after the death of King Leopold fell into hands which communicated it to France.

Experienced chiefs in the diplomatic service on the Continent believe the rumour to be true.

A farm hand in Washington (U.S.A.) shot his father dead.

He said he knew that no American jury would convict him when he told them the motive.

A daughter of the victim, in trying to save her father, was badly wounded.

The Swiss Government intends to authorise towns having freezing facilities to import meat.

It is reported that Japan is to lay the keel of a 40,000-ton battleship.

The rising in Mexico is spreading. The insurgents have had a big victory near Cjinga.

Two youths who murdered a bank messenger in Paris have been sentenced to death.

Thirteen Japanese anarchists have been executed for plotting to assassinate the Emperor.

The executions lasted seven hours. The whole of the condemned, including the women, died calmly.

An outbreak of plague has occurred at Perim.

Frau Herberich has been sentenced to four and a half years' imprisonment on a charge of murdering her husband.

At a national conference in London, representing 600,000 miners, it was agreed to assist 12,000 Cambrian miners on strike.

The South African Union Parliament is sending a deputation of representatives to the Coronation.

A foundling hospital at Ekaterinoslov (Russia) has been closed, and the staff arrested.

One thousand out of 1060 infants who were received in the institution during the last six months died.

The residence of Mr. Thaw, at Pittsburg, has been robbed of jewels to the value of £6000.

Three men who were accused of forgery at Sumner (U.S.A.) fortified themselves in a cabin, and defied the authorities.

D. G. Phillips, novelist, who was shot in New York by a Harvard man, has succumbed.

A contract for salving the Aotea has been concluded.

It is hoped that when the cargo is discharged it will be possible to save the hull.

The Pope, who gave audience to Bishop Corbett, of Sale (Vic.), inquired regarding the health of Cardinal Moran.

The death is announced of Captain Barr, the well-known yachtsman.

Chili is issuing a loan of £490,500, bearing 5 per cent. interest.

Admiral Sir Edmund Fremantle condemns the Declaration of London.

The Prime Minister is confident of a double majority respecting the forthcoming referendum.

He says the Attorney-General has no doubt that the land tax is constitutional.

Officers on an inter-island steamer corroborate Dr. Borchard's allegations as to the condition of affairs on Wallis Island.

They state that the natives live in abject submission to the Marist priests.

The natives, it is said, feel their condition keenly, and seize every opportunity to run away.

The Premier of South Australia states that the whole of the party favour the referendum.

The mystery of how a human shinbone came to be left on the roadside at Carrum has been solved.

There is no reason to believe that the person to whom the bone belonged was the victim of foul play.

The departmental inquiry into the cause of the Richmond (Vic.) railway disaster was concluded yesterday.

Several employees have been penalised. They have a right to appeal to the Railways Appeal Board.

Anniversary Day is to be celebrated to-day by sports gatherings in almost every part of the State.

Australian imports during 1910 totalled £59,456,238. The exports were valued at £74,497,627.

Three Americans have set themselves the task of motoring round the world in a 20-h.p. car.

The motorists arrived in Sydney yesterday with their car in the steamer Moana.

The twentieth annual conference of the New South Wales Political Labour League will be opened to-day.

The delegates will number nearly 600. Seven hundred motions will be discussed.

The statues in the Corso and on the harbour frontage of Manly are to remain.

A reception will be held at the German Consulate to-day in honour of the German Emperor's birthday.

The award governing the conditions of labour and rates of wages for journeymen butchers is about to expire.

In future the large water storage works on the Upper Murrumbidgee, known as Barren Jack, will be called Burrinjuck.

At Mourilyan (Q.) yesterday a Japanese named Okomoto committed suicide in a determined manner.

Rain is rapidly making a hash of any hay now standing in the paddocks at Blayney.

Yesterday the State Governor opened the additions to the Berrima district cottage hospital.

At Bowning on Tuesday night the Minister for Lands was entertained at a complimentary social.

Ballina is now lit by electricity. The current was switched on yesterday.

The Western Australian Parliament will probably be prorogued in the middle of next week.

The Government of Western Australia is taking steps to establish a university in that State.

The Minister for Works was yesterday asked by a deputation to extend the railway line from Canowindra to Gregra.

The steamers Despatch and Manawatu are aground in the Mitchell River (Vic.).

Inspector Goulder, of Newcastle, is being transferred to No. 2 police division in Sydney.

Shipments of apples and pears from Tasmania promise to be the heaviest in the history of the State.

The stoppage of the Blue's Point-Dawes Point vehicular ferry is causing much inconvenience.

Inadequate wharf accommodation is a serious complaint among Sydney shipping people.

The Everton Grange, 8000 tons, has been delayed for a week awaiting a berth.

A collision occurred in Sydney Harbour between the steamer Bellinger and the barque Loch Etive, but little damage was done.

A good volume of business was effected on the Stock exchange at firm rates.

The feature of the import market was the strong inquiry for oils.

Wheat was again dull, the quotation being 3s 6½d, with very few buyers.

Business in the mining market was on limited lines, with prices generally showing absence of buoyancy.

Forecast.—Rain on the southern coasts and highlands, with showers and some thunder in the north-east. Fine and hot inland, with southerly to north-easterly winds.

ANNIVERSARY DAY.

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The "unattained forbidden" and the "EYE POISED FOR FOCUS OF HIGH LIGHT" are excellent, although we confess we don't quite grasp what they mean. But they sound well, anyhow.

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†INDIA......	8,000	Bradshaw	Mch. 8	Mch. 14	Mch. 16
†MOLDAVIA..	10,000	Gordon...	Mch. 22	Mch. 28	Mch. 30
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†OPHIR........	6,814	Staunton.	Feb. 4	Feb. 8	Feb. 10
eORONTES......	9,023	Healey....	Feb. 15	Feb. 22	Feb. 24
eORSOVA.......	12,036	Parsons...	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 10
eOTRANTO......	12,124	Toad......	Mar. 15	Mar. 22	Mar. 24
eOTWAY........	12,077	Symons....	Mar. 29	Apr. 5	Apr. 7
eORVIETO......	12,130	Ruthven...	Apr. 11	Apr. 19	Apr. 21
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MOERAKI (T.S.), SAT., Feb. 25.

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From HOBART—
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For LAUNCESTON (via Eden)—
WAKATIPU, WED., Feb. 1, 15, 10 a.m.
From LAUNCESTON (via Eden)—
WAKATIPU, WED., Feb. 8, 22.
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A quantity of heavy quality Tapestry Carpet Squares in the following colours and sizes. Remarkable reductions. In many cases we have two of each pattern.

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MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, ALBANY, FREMANTLE.—RIVERINA, 12 noon, SATURDAY, March 11.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO PASSENGERS AND SHIPPERS.
Owing to the continued heavy weather on the coast, the sailing of the S.S. Merimbula, as previously advertised for to-morrow, Friday, has been cancelled.
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98 doz., 20 x 30 in., Cotton Trimmed Hemstitched Frilling .... pair	2/6	.. 2/3
121 doz., 20 x 30 in., Cotton Trimmed Hemstitched Filling	3/	.. 2/6
149 doz., 23 x 30 in., Cotton Trimmed Hemstitched Frilling	3/6	.. 3/
66 doz., 20 x 30 in., Linen, Trimmed Hemstitched Frilling	4/6	.. 3/6
76 doz., 20 x 30 in., Linen, Trimmed Hemstitched Frilling	5/6	.. 4/11
5 doz., 20 x 30 in., Cotton, Frilled and Embroidered	4/6	.. 3/11
12 doz., 20 x 30 in., Cotton, Frilled and Embroidered	4/11	.. 4/6
112 doz., 20 x 30 in., Linen, Frilled and Embroidered	6/	.. 5/3
15 doz., 20 x 30 in., Linen, Frilled and Embroidered	7/6	.. 6/6
5 doz., 20 x 30 in., Linen, Frilled and Embroidered	8/6	.. 7/6
7 doz., 20 x 30 in., Hemstitched Cotton	2/6	.. 2/3
8 doz., 20 x 30 in., Hemstitched Cotton	3/	.. 2/6
10 doz., 20 x 30 in., Hemstitched Cotton	3/6	.. 2/11
8 doz., 20 x 30 in., Hemstitched Cotton	4/6	.. 3/11
6 doz., 20 x 30 in., Hemstitched Cotton	4/9	.. 4/3
3 doz., 20 x 30 in., Hemstitched Linen	5/3	.. 4/6
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3, 90 x 108 in., Linen, Trimmed Cluny Lace and Insertion	37/6	.. 30/
2, 90 x 108 in., Linen, Trimmed Cluny Lace and Insertion	45/	.. 38/
1, 90 x 108 in., Linen, Trimmed Cluny Lace and Insertion	57/6	.. 50/
4, 100 x 108 in., Linen, Trimmed Cluny Lace and Insertion	45/	.. 38/
2, 100 x 108 in., Linen, Trimmed Cluny Lace and Insertion	47/6	.. 40/
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1 Black Braided Yoke, with fringe ends .... each	25/6	.. 19/6
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1 Black Soutache Braided Zouave, designed heavy effect	14/6	.. 10/6
1 Black Silk Braided Zouave, finished with black cabuchons	18/6	.. 15/6

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	Usual Price.	Reduced to
1 Black and Steel Zouave, butterfly design .... each	65/	.. 50/
1 Jet and Bead Coatee, with bead fringe ends	25/6	.. 22/6
1 Jet and Bead Coatee, with bead fringe ends	8/11	.. 7/3
1 Black Bugle and Point Lace Braided Zouave	19/11	.. 16/6
1 Black Bugle and Braided Coatee, scroll design in bead and Cabuchons	22/6	.. 18/6
1 Black Sequin on Net Zouave	4/11	.. 3/11
1 Jet and Beaded Coatee, with fringe ends	14/6	.. 11/6
1 Heavy Jet and Cabuchon Front, with bead fringe ends	29/6	.. 22/6
1 Black Bugle and Bead Stole	11/6	.. 9/11
1 Black Sequin Coatee	8/11	.. 7/3
1 Black Sequin Coatee	6/11	.. 5/11
1 Jet Bugle and Bead Front, pointed design	19/6	.. 16/6
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1 Black and Oriental Beaded Zouave ..	9/6	.. 7/11
1 Gold Beaded Zouave on Black Net ..	18/6	.. 15/6
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1 Black Beaded and Cacuchon Panel, with Jet fringe ends .... each	42/6	.. 35/
1 Black Bead and Silk Panel, effective patterns, scroll designs	40/	.. 32/6
1 Black Bead and Silk Panel, effective patterns, scroll designs	47/6	.. 40/
1 Black Bead Panel, finished in Jet Cabuchons, with tassel ends..each	25/	.. 18/6
1 Black Bead and Silk Garniture, with Stole ends, elegantly finished in Braid and Silk .... each	80/	.. 65/
1 Black Sequin and Bead Panel, Floral design	38/6	.. 30/
1 Heavy Sequin and Bead on Net Panel	19/11 ..	16/11
1 Black Bead Stole, with tassel ends .	11/6	.. 9/11
1 Black Bead Stole, with tassel ends .	25/	.. 18/6
1 Black Bead Stole, with tassel ends .	19/11	.. 15/11
1 Black Bead Stole, with tassel ends .	19/6	.. 15/11
1 Black Bead Collarette, with Stole ends	42/6	.. 31/

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The Bogs and Voigt Pianos, which come from Berlin, have several leading features not usually found in other instruments, among which may be mentioned a massive full iron frame with five crossbars, a sound board constructed according to the latest scientific research, a carefully regulated double repeating action, the special care in selecting sound and well-seasoned timbers, a full rich singing tone, and a light elastic touch. Honesty of construction and beauty of finish have placed the Bogs and Voigt in the front rank of medium priced Pianos.

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Bogs and Voigt Piano, in Burr Walnut case, iron frame, full compass, splendid tone	£42/10/	.. £37/10/
Bogs and Voigt Piano, in handsome Solid Oak Case, brilliant tone .	£45	.. £41
Bogs and Voigt Piano, in Burr Walnut Case, handsomely carved, a very fine model	£47/10/	.. £40
Handsome Cottage Piano, in Rosewood Case, by Rud Ibach and Sohn, full compass, brilliant tone and crisp easy touch	£65	.. £60
Massive American Piano, full cottage grand, from the "Packard" Factory, New York, 7 1-3 Octaves, full iron frame, rich resonant tone and fine free touch, the case is Burr Walnut, highly finished .	£75	.. £70
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RICHMOND RIVER.—RAMORNIE, TO-MORROW, 2 p.m.
CLARENCE RIVER.—BURRINGBAR, SATURDAY, 9 p.m.
MACLEAY RIVER.—YULGILBAR, via Newcastle, WEDNESDAY, 8 a.m. Leaving Newcastle 5 p.m.
MANNING RIVER.—ELECTRA, MONDAY NEXT, 11 a.m.
BELLINGER RIVER.—NERONG, TO-MORROW, 5 p.m.
NAMBUCCA RIVER.—ROCKLILY, Early.
FROM DRUITT-STREET.
COFF'S HARBOUR, TRIAL BAY.—See above.
TWEED RIVER, via Newcastle.—DURANBAH, SATURDAY, 8 p.m.
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SHIPPING.

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DEVITT AND MOORE'S LINE. The Training Ship PORT JACKSON. 1994 Tons, C. Maitland, Commander, FOR LONDON, will receive prompt despatch, following Bq. MEDWAY. For Freight, etc., apply to W. G. DEUCHAR, Agent, Tel., 211 City. 12 and 14 Loftus-street. Cargo received at Fitzroy Stevedoring Company's Stores, Woolloomooloo.

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Offers on principle "No cure, no pay," or otherwise, will be received up till noon SATURDAY, 28th instant, for refloating or for the salving of any portion of the steamer TIME, now ashore near Beachport, South Australia.

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HOWARD SMITH CO., Ltd., George-street, Sydney.
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FOR SALE, BY AUCTION, on FRIDAY, 27th January, at the City Mart, 8 Spring-street, at 11.30 a.m., the Fast and Attractive MOTOR LAUNCH LACKAWANNA. FRASER, UTHER, and CO., Ltd., Auctioneers.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

ANNIVERSARY DAY. TO-DAY (THURSDAY).

CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS.

Cheap Tickets at 2d per mile First-class Return (minimum 2/), and 1d per mile Second-class Return (minimum 1/) will be issued by the undermentioned Trains to and from all stations at which they are timed to call.

CHEAP TRAINS FROM SYDNEY.

ILLAWARRA LINE.

7.8 a.m. to Kiama, 7.30 a.m. to Nowra, 7.38 a.m. to Wollongong.

SOUTHERN LINE.

8.6 a.m. to Bundanoon, 9.15 a.m. to Picton, 9.45 a.m. to stations on the Camden Line only.

WESTERN LINE.

7.15 a.m. to Mt. Victoria, 7.30 a.m. to Katoomba, 7.55 a.m. to Eskbank, 8.10 a.m. to Mt. Victoria, 8.27 a.m. to Hazelbrook.

NORTHERN LINE.

6.55 a.m. and 7.40 a.m. to Newcastle.

These tickets will be available for return by any train within one calendar month from date of issue.

COMBINED RAIL AND RIVER EXCURSIONS. TO THE HAWKESBURY RIVER.

CHEAP TICKETS at 6s First-class and 4s Second-class (including trip on the Hawkesbury River by Steamer) will be issued at Sydney, Parramatta, Hornsby, Milson's Point, and intermediate stations by trains leaving Sydney at 9.10 a.m. and 9.18 a.m. Connecting train from Milson's Point at 8.30 a.m.

The River Trip will occupy about five hours.

Light refreshments obtainable on Steamer.

TO THE NEPEAN RIVER (PENRITH).

CHEAP TICKETS, including journey by Rail, Coach, and Steamer, will be issued at Sydney, Strathfield, and Parramatta by trains leaving Sydney at 8.10 a.m., 8.27 a.m., 10.30 a.m., and 1.25 p.m.

Return Fares from Sydney 6s 5d First-class, 4s Second-class.

Light refreshments obtainable at landing-place on river.

COMO AND NATIONAL PARK.

The maximum return fares from Sydney, Redfern, and intermediate stations (including the Bankstown Line) to Mortdale, Oatley, Como, Sutherland, Loftus, and National Park, will not exceed 1s 6d First-class and 1s Second-class, available for return on day of issue only.

An improved train service will be given to the stations named.

ADDITIONAL TRAINS.

In addition to the ordinary service, and the cheap trains shown above, Special country trains will leave Sydney at 8.27 a.m., for Wollongong, 9.30 a.m. for Scarborough, 9.33 a.m. for Kiama, 6.40 p.m., for Kiama, 8.0 p.m. for Nowra, 8.0 a.m. for Goulburn, 5.15 p.m. for Goulburn, 9.10 a.m. for Gosford, 9.18 a.m. for Hawkesbury, 6.45 p.m. for Newcastle.

Special Trains will also be run to Sydney from short distance country stations.

ALTERED RUNNING AND CANCELLATION OF ORDINARY TRAINS.

The 5.45 a.m. train, Wollongong to Coal Cliff, and the 4.35 p.m. train, Coal Cliff to Wollongong, WILL NOT RUN.

The 6.15 a.m. train, Campbelltown to Sydney, WILL NOT RUN. Owing to the withdrawal of this train, Workmen's Weekly Tickets from stations Campbelltown to Casula, inclusive, will be available by the train leaving Campbelltown at 7.25 a.m.

The 4.8 p.m. Express, Sydney to Mt. Victoria, and the 7.15 a.m. Express Mt. Victoria to Sydney, WILL NOT RUN.

On FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, the 7.12 a.m. train, Blacktown to Parramatta, will leave Blacktown at 7.2 a.m., and RUN TEN MINUTES EARLIER.

ALTERED RUNNING OF SUBURBAN TRAINS.

Several alterations and cancellations will be made in the Sydney Suburban Services. The ordinary train service as between Sydney and Waterfall, and on the Bankstown line, will be cancelled, and the Special Holiday Timetable shown on handbills, substituted. Passengers are referred to handbills for full particulars.

CLOSING OF GOODS SHEDS.

The Goods Sheds at Alexandria will be CLOSED, but those at Sydney and Darling Harbour will be open until 10.0 a.m. for the delivery of perishables only. The Goods Sheds at all other stations will be closed except for the receipt and delivery of perishable traffic only.

CLOSING OF CITY TICKETS AND PARCELS OFFICE.

The City Tickets and Parcels Office will be CLOSED after 10.0 a.m.

For the convenience of passengers returning to the city in time for business on Friday morning, trains will leave Wollongong at 6.5 a.m., Nowra at 4.15 a.m., Goulburn at 4.20 a.m., Mt. Victoria at 5.30 a.m., 6.5 a.m., and 6.20 a.m., and Gosford at 6.40 a.m.

HANDBILLS, giving full particulars of the Holiday Arrangements, may be obtained from all Station Masters.

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GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.

ANNIVERSARY DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26.

IMPROVED SERVICES will be run on ABBOTSFORD, ENFIELD-BURWOOD MORTLAKE, KOGARAH-SANS SOUCI, BONDI, COOGEE, WATSON'S BAY, MANLY-THE SPIT, and NORTH SYDNEY LINES.

BAULKHAM HILLS LINE.—Trams will run as shown for Saturday.

MANLY-BROOKVALE LINE.—Trams will run as shown for Saturday.

LONG BAY and LA PEROUSE.—From Circular Quay: 6.3, 7.4, 7.35, 8.5, 8.27, 8.51 a.m., and every 12 mins. to 8.27 p.m., 8.51, 9.15, 9.39, 10.15, 10.51, 11.30 p.m. From Railway: Trams will leave Railway Square Loop every 12 mins. from 6.36 a.m. to 8.32 p.m.

Workmen's fares will be cancelled on all Lines.

VICTORIA v NEW SOUTH WALES, at SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND, and DRUIDS' GALA, at AGRICULTURAL GROUND, and BAND CONTEST, at SPORTS GROUND.—A Special Service of Trams will be run to the Cricket and Agricultural Grounds from Circular Quay and Railway Square Loop, commencing at 9.30 a.m., and to the Sports Ground, commencing at 5.50 p.m.

RANDWICK RACES.

A Frequent Service will be run to the Racecourse from Circular Quay and Railway Square Loop, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

The First-class Tram will not run.

RETURN FARE (including Admittance to Course), by Special Tram, 1/6. Single Tickets will not be issued on the outward journey.

Special Trams will run direct to the Randwick Racecourse, via Newtown-road and Cleveland-street, from Enmore, Balmain, Glebe Point, and Leichhardt, departing as follows:—

ENMORE.—11.12, 11.22, 11.32, 11.42, 11.52 a.m.
BALMAIN.—11.2, 11.12, 11.22, 11.32 a.m.
GLEBE POINT.—11.12, 11.22, 11.32, 11.42 a.m.
LEICHHARDT.—11.4, 11.14, 11.24, 11.34 a.m.

From Cleveland-street and Newtown-road Junction Trams will leave every 3 and 4 mins. from 11.20 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

Trams will run direct to Enmore, Balmain, Glebe Point, and Leichhardt from Randwick Racecourse after conclusion of last race, starting from Platforms 3 and 4.

FARE.—The Fare between Newtown-road Junction and Racecourse (including admittance to Course) will be 1/6 Return. Single Fare from Racecourse 6d.

Other Sections, Ordinary Fares.

By order. J. S. SPURWAY, Secretary.

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SEEING SYDNEY BY MOTOR CAR. TO-DAY, ANNIVERSARY DAY, TO-DAY. Try the magnificent All-day Trip by the Powerful Tourist Cars of the S.M.D. Company, leaving the Government Tourist Bureau, Challis House, Martin-place, at 10.30 a.m. Route: Through Drummoyne, Ryde, Parramatta, Orange Groves, Baulkham, and Pennant Hills, and via North Sydney to the Spit and Manly. Back in Sydney 5.30 p.m. Time allowed for refreshments and luncheon. Book at THOS. COOK and SONS, Challis House, Martin-place; or on the Cars. FARE, 10s per head.

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GRAND HOLIDAY MATINEE, THIS AFTERNOON, AT 2.30. PRICES: 1/6, 1/, and 6d.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

MUNICIPALITY OF WAVERLEY.

GENERAL ELECTION, 1911.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1906-7-8, and the Ordinances made thereunder, I hereby declare the following Gentlemen duly Nominated as Aldermen for this Municipality for the several Wards, as hereunder, viz.:—

BONDI WARD.
ERNEST ROBERT ABIGAIL.
JOSEPH BARRACLIFF.
GEORGE COCHRANE.
DANIEL HOGAN.
LESLIE JAMES LAMROCK.
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WAVERLEY WARD.
CHARLES MATHEWS DREW.
ROBERT WILLIAM JACKAMAN.
JOSEPH JOSHUA JAGELMAN.
JOSEPH CUTHBERT KERSHAW.
FREDERICK ALEXANDER MACKENZIE.
GEORGE BLACKMORE PHILIP.

NELSON WARD.
JOHN WALTER ALLDIS.
WILLIAM JOHN BLUNT.
HENRY TREGARTHEN DOUGLASS.
JOHN McLAUGHLIN.
VINCENT WELLESLEY SAVAGE.
WILLIAM CHARLES TIPPER.

LAWSON WARD.
JOHN CAMPBELL.
WILLIAM DONALD.
EDMUND MASON.
HENRY WILLIAM FREDERICK ROGERS.
JAMES GIBSON TREANOR.

There being a greater number of Candidates nominated than Aldermen to be elected in each of the four Wards, I hereby give NOTICE that a POLL of the Electors will be taken on SATURDAY, the 28th day of January, between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 6 o'clock p.m., at the following places, viz.:—

BONDI WARD.—Bleakley's Workshop, Bondi-road, Bondi; also at Mrs. Wright's Cottage, Simpson-street, Bondi, near Hall-street.

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LAWSON WARD.—Lovett's Hall, Spring-street, Waverley.

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JOHN CLUBB, Returning Officer.

Council-chambers, Waverley, January 20th, 1911.

REDFERN MUNICIPAL ELECTION. BELMORE WARD.

TO RATEPAYERS and ELECTORS.— Study your own interests by voting for Alderman T. H. DEARIN, Alderman A. C. ISAACS, Alderman G. T. SAVAGE.

POLLING DAY, SATURDAY, January 28th inst. POLLING PLACES: Town Hall, Redfern, and Town Hall, Sydney, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BLUE MOUNTAINS SHIRE ELECTION. B RIDING.

Vote for JOHN GEGGIE, Estate Agent, and Councillor, Lawson; T. C. LODGE, Retired Banker, Leura; G. J. WATERHOUSE, President of Shire Council, Woodford.

Electors should support Men of ability and experience, who have no personal or business ends to serve by being elected.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF CANTERBURY. EAST WARD ELECTORS are respectfully requested to vote for Alderman V. C. SHARP and Mr. JOHN KEIR, the duly selected Candidates of the FERNHILL Ratepayers and Residents' Association.

As their views are in accord with the wishes of our members, we feel assured their election means progress and purity.

THOS. EVANS, President F.R. and R.A.

POLLING DAY—SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY.

MUNICIPALITY OF RANDWICK. NORTH WARD.

Alderman THOS. R. GILDERTHORP will address the Electors TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock, in the RANDWICK TOWN HALL. The other Candidates for the Ward have been invited to address meeting.

REDFERN Municipal Council.—Golden Grove Ward: You must vote for Three good men, whose interests will be yours. Vote thus—JOHN CASSIDY, THOMAS SMALL, GEORGE TODD, Independent Candidates; and therefore protect your interests. They are LOCAL MEN OF LONG STANDING. Polling Day, SATURDAY, Jan. 28th, 8 a.m., to 6 p.m., Shepherd and Abercrombie streets.

MUNICIPALITY of Randwick.—West Ward.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances I have decided to withdraw from the Election which takes place next Sat., 28th inst., and at the same time thank the Gentlemen who kindly signed my nomination paper. Yours respectfully, H. R. FISCHER.

WAVERLEY. NELSON WARD. JOHN McLAUGHLIN will Address the Ratepayers in support of his candidature at Charing Cross on THURSDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock.

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MATINEE, FEBRUARY 11th.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CHRISTINA PRICE, late of Wagga Wagga, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Queen's-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claims on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the 27th day of February, at 10.15 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 25th day of January, in the year 1911. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. HIGGINS and ROBINSON, Solicitors, Proctors for the Executor, Wagga Wagga, and 107 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CATHERINE NEWTON, late of Orange, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the first Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the 27th day of February next, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law; and notice is also hereby given that on the allowance by the Court of the said Accounts Commission will be applied for on behalf of GEORGE NEWTON, one of the Executors. Dated this twenty-fifth day of January, 1911. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. JAMES WILLIAM ABIGAIL, Proctor for Executors, 109 Elizabeth street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate and Effects of GEORG MEINKEN, late of Bremerhafen, in Germany, but more recently of Simpsonhafen, in the Bismarck Archipelago, in German New Guinea, Master Mariner, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration of the Estate and Effects of the abovenamed deceased in the State of New South Wales may be granted to FRANCIS GEORGE CLARK, of Sydney, in the Said State, the duly constituted Attorney of KARL ECKERT, Government Secretary, of Rabaul, in German New Guinea, who has been appointed by the Imperial District Court at Herbertshohe, in German New Guinea aforesaid, Trustee to safeguard the Estate of the said deceased for the next-of-kin, and to administer and receive moneys in the said Estate; and all creditors and other persons having any claims upon or affecting the Estate of the said deceased are hereby required to send particulars of such claims to the undersigned forthwith; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. FRANCIS G. CLARK, Proctor, Exchange Corner, 63 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND, TOWNSVILLE.—In the Will of LAURITZ PETER LARSEN, late of Charters Towers, in the State of Queensland, Fancy Goods Dealer, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that, after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of the publication hereof, application will be made to this Honourable Court that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed LAURITZ PETER LARSEN, deceased, may be granted to JAMES CLEMENT LARSEN, of Charters Towers, in the State of Queensland, Fancy Goods Dealer, the sole Executor named in the said Will. Any person interested who desires to object to the application, or to be heard upon it, may file a caveat in the Registry at any time before the grant is made. Dated this seventeenth day of January, 1911. MARSLAND and MARSLAND, Solicitors for the said Executor, Gill-street, Charters Towers. Town Agents, HOBBS, WILSON, and CO., Solicitors, Townsville.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of EDWIN REED, late of Coramba, in the State of New South Wales, Storekeeper, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EDITH MYRA REED, the sole Executrix named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. All persons having any claim against the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are requested to at once send full particulars thereof to the undersigned. McGUREN and POLLACK, Proctors for Executrix, Victoria-street, Grafton.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of HENRY DOLLIN, late of Tingha, in the State of New South Wales, Miner, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to GEORGE HENRY PARKER and WILLIAM HENRY CARTER, both of Tingha, aforesaid, the Executors named in the said Will. All notices may be served at, and all claims against the Estate of the said deceased sent to, the offices of the undersigned. BOYD and NORTON, Proctors for the Executors, Byron Arcade, Inverell. By their Agent, GEO. H. TURNER, 58 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARY GARDINER, late of "Yarras," near Wellington, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CHARLES HAMPDEN BARTON, of "Nanima," near Wellington, aforesaid, Grazier, the Executor named in the said Will. All notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, and all creditors and others having any claims against the Estate of the said deceased are required to forward particulars thereof within such fourteen days to the undersigned. Dated at Wellington this eighteenth day of January, A.D. 1911. J. T. P. BASSETT, Proctor for the Executor, Eldon-chambers, Percy-street, Wellington. By F. W. WALKER, his Agent, Rofe-chambers, 60 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of BRIDGET BROWN, late of Grafton, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARGARET COONEY, the Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom particulars of all claims should be furnished within the said fourteen days. R. DOBIE BAWDEN, Proctor for Executors, Grafton. By his Agent, A. P. SPARKE, 12 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN HENRY WILLIAM EHLEFELDT, late of Burringbar, in the State of New South Wales, Storekeeper, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ALBERT HENRY EHLEFELDT, the sole Executor named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, where all creditors and others are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims within the said fourteen days. HALLIDAY and HUNGERFORD, Proctors for the Executor, Murwillumbah.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOHN ERNEST McLERIE, late of Gilgandra, in the State of New South Wales, Agent, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM ALEXANDER McLERIE, the eldest Brother of the said deceased. Application will also be made to dispense with the usual Administration Bond. All creditors and claimants are requested to send their claims to the undersigned. All notices may be served on BUCHANAN and SMITHERS, Solicitors, at No. 2 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of HENRY SCOTT, late of Milton, Cootamundra, in the State of New South Wales, Retired Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MURRAY THOMAS SCOTT, PERCIVAL ROBERT SCOTT, and HENRY OLIVER SCOTT, the Executors named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. WILKINSON and OSBORNE, Solicitors for the Executors, 14 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN WILKEY, late of Burwood, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Railway Employee, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY ANN WILKEY, the Widow of the said deceased, the sole Executrix named in the said Will. All notices may be sent to the office of the undersigned. WILLIAM THOMAS DASH, Proctor for the Executrix, 85 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM MONTGOMERY ORR, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Mercantile Broker, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HENRIETTA MARY JANE ORR, the Executrix named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at, and all persons are requested to send in their claims to, the office of the undersigned. HENDERSON and HICKSON, Proctors for the Executrix, Savings Bank-chambers, 11 Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of STEPHEN HARDGRAVE, late of Seaforth, Belgrave-street, Manly, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN ALEXANDER WILSON and WILLIAM FREDERICK GOYDER, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. JOHN WILLIAMS MAUND, Proctor for Executors, 3 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN REID, late of Broken Hill, in the State of New South Wales, Engineer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN ALEXANDER MAXWELL LINDSAY, the Executor named in the said Will. Creditors are requested to forward, within fourteen days from the date of publication hereof, particulars of their claims to the undersigned, on whom all notices may be served. ANTHONY HALL, Proctor for the Executor, The Exchange, Argent-street, Broken Hill. By his Agent, A. W. E. WEAVER, Martin-place, Sydney.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT, 1908.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRADE UNION.
TAKE NOTICE that the RENTAL MECHANICS' UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES, Trade Union, did, on the 25th day of January, 1911, make application to the Industrial Registrar to be registered under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1908, and that any objection to such registration, on the ground that another Trade Union to which the members of the said applicant Union might conveniently belong has already been registered under the said Act, shall be lodged with the Industrial Registrar in the prescribed form within two weeks from this date.
G. C. ADDISON, Industrial Registrar.
Sydney, January 26th, 1911.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE of JOSEPH BATE AND FELIX GRIFFITH, trading as Joseph Bate and Co., Cycle and Musical Instrument Agents, Orange, N.S.W.
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ALBERT BORCHARD, Public Accountant, Equitable-building, George-street.
Sydney, 26th January, 1911.

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The question of raising fat stock and the growing of fodder forms the subject of an article in the Pastoral Columns. The waste in wool and losses in freights and by-products are discussed. "Moira," in the Farm and Dairy Columns, writes on ploughing—also on the anti-graders' attitude towards the new compulsory grading regulations. "Rupestris" reviews and criticises that part of the Official Year Book of 1909-10 which deals with fruit-growing and viticulture. "Ranco's" pastoral topics are instructive.
In the Turf Columns racing at Randwick and picnic sport in the country are reviewed, while matters affecting the horse industry in England in connection with the supply of army remounts and the dumping of American-bred yearlings on the English blood stock market are also dealt with; and the customary attention has been given to local and interstate racing.
"Short Slip" has made interesting reference to two veterans—George Giffen and J. J. Lyons—in addition to other cricket gossip. "Wanderer" touches upon golf at home and abroad, and other branches of sport.
"Housewife" contributes hints on the successful management of the home, and gives a record of the social events of the week.
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PART II.

CHAPTER IX.
EXPLAINS AN INDISCREET FRIENDSHIP.

"Dieu! Why are you here, M'sieur Dick? You are an imbecile. If you are seen here, in Bournemouth, you may spoil everything."

"It was imperative, Alza, that I should come here," Jervoise answered in French. "I have come to give you warning."

"Warning!" cried the good-looking young Frenchwoman. "Of what, pray?"

They were seated together in a corner of the winter garden of the Royal Bath Hotel at Bournemouth.

Arriving from London half an hour before, he had found her lolling lazily in one of the wicker armchairs, displaying a neat ankle and just a suspicion of finest lingerie for the admiration of a clean-shaven young fellow in blue serge, who had the unmistakable bearing of a naval officer. Dressed with quiet elegance in black, with a big black hat and some fine sables around her neck, she presented a very ladylike and refined appearance, her chic being that of the true Parisienne.

The meeting was quite unexpected on her part, yet Dick for the last week, ever since that evening at Owen's house, had been endeavouring to trace her whereabouts. He had hastened next day down to Rutland, only to discover that she had left for Edinburgh. North he went, and on making inquiries at the Caledonian Hotel learnt that, after a week, she had gone to London, leaving an address at Baron's Court, Kensington, for letters to be forwarded. At this address, a house at which she had lodged on one or two occasions, he had ascertained her whereabouts at Bournemouth, and had that morning arrived in order to consult her.

There were several idlers in the winter garden, including an old Anglo-Indian and his wife; therefore Dick suggested that they might walk out and talk where there were no eavesdroppers. None who chanced to see that well-dressed and essentially refined young lady, who always kept herself aloof from everybody, and who passed her lonely hours in reading fiction or doing fancy needlework, would have for one moment guessed that she was actually what Owen Odd had declared her to be.

None, indeed, would believe that she was at that watering-place with a fixed purpose, and that that purpose was an evil one.

For the past ten days or so she had been at the hotel, living there in the name of Duveen, and half the men were longing to make her acquaintance. But she disregarded them all, and remained entirely apart from everybody. The other guests noticed that she seldom went out, but attributed it to the fact that the weather had turned bitterly cold, and if she were weak chested the east winds were the reverse of beneficial.

The advent of Dick Jervois, therefore, surprised those tea table gossips who spent the greater part of the day in the winter garden, a kind of great conservatory, with palms, fish ponds, and tropical birds. Therefore Alza, quick to note any impression upon her neighbours, rose, fastened her furs, took up her muff, and they both passed out and down the hill leading to the pier.

"Fortunately, he has gone motoring with two men to Salisbury to-day," she said as they went along. "Otherwise I dare not be seen out—especially in your company."

"Then Bourtzeff is here—eh?" he asked quickly.

"Of course—at the Grand. If he were not here I should not be. I prefer my own Paris, cher M'sieur Dick, I assure you. This place—ugh!" and she made a wry face and shuddered.

Her companion laughed.

"It must be very dull for you to be so much alone, of course."

"I need not be alone, but unfortunately I cannot afford to make chance acquaintances. They always have a habit of turning up just at the moment one does not desire them. You know," was her answer. "I nearly met with complete disaster once owing to an indiscreet friendship."

"Ah! Alza," he said as they passed the pier entrance and continued along the cliff. "You are an exceedingly clever woman."

"You have more than once made that remark before," she replied, smiling, at the same time drawing her furs closer about her throat; for, though the day was bright, yet the winter wind was strong and exceedingly cold. There were few people about, for on such a day visitors prefer the shelter of the Invalids' Walk to the rough wind of the cliffs.

"I have not come to seek you to pay you compliments, my dear mademoiselle," he said seriously, when they had strolled some distance. "As I have already said, I am here to warn you—to warn you seriously."

She turned her dark, luminous eyes towards him, and with an air of careless merriment exclaimed:—

"Good! Tell me—what's the danger now?"

"My friend Odd has discovered who and what you are. He knows practically everything."

She stared at him, a trifle paler, holding her breath.

"Then I hope he is interested," she said briefly.

"But you do not seem to realise your danger,"' he pointed out. "You were seen in his company, and recognised by a detective. The officer told him who you were."

She pursed her shapely lips and twisted her skirt more tightly about her shapely hips.

"You think I ought not to remain in England—eh?" she asked in a hard voice.

"I certainly think there is a grave peril if you do," he said. "Why are you still watching Bourtzeff?"

"For reasons of my own—personal reasons."

"He is your enemy, that I know. But if he discovers you will he not again turn on you—as he did once before?"

"He will not have the chance," responded the girl in a determined tone, still speaking in French. "He gave information to the Prefecture of Police which sent the man I love to Cayenne, remember! Because he turned police informant he fancies himself safe. But he is unaware of the fate that I—I, Alza Dresler—have marked out for him!" she cried, her dark eyes flashing with a fire which plainly showed her hatred.

"You are safe neither in England nor in France, Alza," the man said quietly. "You once did me a great service—one that I have never forgotten, and have ever thanked you for. You—"

"Oh! enough, mon cher Dick," she declared, interrupting him and putting up her black-gloved hand to stay his words. "You forget how deeply I regard you for that great kindness, that generosity you showed to me. You could have handed me over to the police, but you let me go free because I was a woman. I know I'm bad—I can't help it. My father was a thief, and, as you know, I have lived among thieves all my life. My whole existence has been one of fraud, subterfuge, and deception. My friends are the worst and most unscrupulous in all Europe. I admit it all—all. Yet how can I change it?"

"I know, mademoiselle," said Dick in a low, sympathetic voice. "I certainly understand your position and appreciate your difficulty. You are an associate of certain undesirable persons through no fault of your own. You were born in criminal surroundings, and taught dishonesty from childhood. Your intelligence has been sharpened by long association with keen, clever men and women who live upon their wits, until now you are as expert as they. You can assume refinement and innocence so marvellously that your victims become as wax in your hands. I know it all, mademoiselle, and no one more regrets your position than I do myself."

A serious expression was upon her dark, handsome face. She had always liked the tall Englishman, always respected him, and had ever been ready to listen to his advice.

At that moment there arose before her eyes the recollection of one day, a few years before, when they had met at the Hotel du Parc, at Vichy, and a month later at the Sudbahn Hotel, at Semmering in Austria; of their long walks together in the mountains, and of the friendship that sprang up between them. Then, of that fateful night when, at the instigation of a certain man living in the hotel, she had managed to step into the little salon occupied b ythe pretty French actress, and, on searching, had discovered the string of fine pearls she was known to possess.

Could she ever forget that moment? She had taken them from their velvet case, and was holding them in her hand beneath the green-shaded lamp when she heard a movement behind her, and, turning in alarm, saw the tall Englishman, who happened to be a friend of the actress, standing there! He knew the truth. He barred her passage, and charged her with the theft. He had caught her red-handed! "Mademoiselle," he said, "I followed you here, and I have seen you take the pearls. Your friend is that stout man in spectacles who speaks German, and who has been here for the past fortnight, yet whom you have pretended not to know. He is your accomplice. I have seen you meet in secret. I shall ring, and hand you over to the police." His finger was already upon the electric button near the door, when she had dashed across, and, flinging herself wildly upon her knees before him, begged forgiveness—begged his silence, begged his protection—even though she were a thief.

In those brief, exciting moments, as they now walked together, she recollected his hesitation, his deep, earnest, reproachful words, and how, taking her hand, he had assisted her to rise. He had taken the pearls from her, returned them to their case, and, with a generosity she had seldom found in men, had given her his word of honour to remain silent.

The next moment she slipped along the corridor to her room, and half an hour later faced the actress in the big salon, smiling as though nothing had happened.

Her German-speaking friend was already at the station, on his hurried departure for Vienna, while she, later that same night, had written a brief note of heartfelt thanks to the Englishman, and, giving her address in Paris, promised that if ever he wanted a friend he had but to write to her. "All my friends are in future your friends," she wrote in that note. "We all owe you a deep debt of gratitude for your generosity towards me."

As she walked along that broad, sandy pathway, with the grey sea stretched deep below, she was wondering if he, too, were thinking of the same strange, almost romantic circumstances—that startling incident which had sealed their curious friendship.

Had he denounced her that night, her fat friend, who was wanted on half a dozen different charges of placing certain forged bonds into circulation, would have also fallen into the drag-net of the police. Ugly revelations would, no doubt, have ended, and the identity of the various members of that circle of unscrupulous undesirables would have been exposed.

As it was, he had urged her to reform. Ah! she recollected too well those deep, earnest words of his! How they had rung in her ears ever since. They recurred to her now. And after that brief but bitter reproach, he had allowed her to pass out. She owed her liberty to the silence of Richard Jervoise.

And now her present visit to England had been at his request. He had written to her asking her to redeem her promise, and perform him a service. The same day she had received his letter she had crossed the Channel, and next morning called at his flat at Barnes.

In his own snug den he had told her the story of the strange death of Paul Grinevitch—a story to which she had listened with the deepest interest. She had written down the address in Keppel-street, and, having discovered that Nicholas Bourtzeff visited the house in question, her vigilance had never for one instant been relaxed.

(To be continued.)

WAVERLEY COUNCIL.

ANOTHER WRANGLING DISCUSSION.

"THIS WRETCHED CHAMBER."

The closnig meeting of the Waverley Council was characterised by a more than usually animated discussion. For some time the militant spirit had smouldered. On Tuesday night it was fanned into flame, consequent, to some extent, on an interjection by Alderman Barraclough whilst Alderman Abigail was speaking. The Mayor, having soothed the combatants, the matter of a kerbing and guttering tender was presented.

The acceptance of the tender having been moved and seconded, Alderman Blunt rose in opposition. During his remarks he made reference to the town clerk. "It will be a good thing for the borough when John Clubb is out of it," he said.

This was met by a retort from the town clerk to the effect that Alderman Blunt had expressed himself thus at street corners.

Alderman Blunt: You sit down; you are only an officer.

Shortly after a further reference was made by Alderman Blunt to the town clerk, which again raised a heated protest from that gentleman.

The Mayor warned Alderman Blunt that he would not permit any criticism against the town clerk. He would not have filth pelted at the officers of the council.

After some badinage between Alderman Blunt and Alderman Abigail, and some remarks between the latter and Alderman Lamrock, Alderman Abigail expressed the hope that he was leaving "this wretched chamber for a rest of three years; for I do object to any alderman casting wicked aspersions against an honest and trusted officer."

The amendment having been carried, the council went into committee.

FEDERAL LAND TAX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The phase of valuation which assumes the improvements not to have been made gives room for much difference of opinion, because it sets up a condition of things which is non-existent, and taxpayers or their valuers would do well to reason out very carefully some uniform basis to work upon, so that their estimates of value will have something beyond mere surmise to support them.

It will be apparent, to those acquainted with land values, that in the majority of instances lands coming under the tax are improved, and the result of effecting the improvements has destroyed all evidence of the unimproved condition of the land. For instance, where land was originally covered with timber and scrub, and is now improved by the effect of ringbarking and scrubbing (probably with part of it under cultivation), the effect of such improvement obliterates the unimproved condition of the land, and only those acquainted with its original state have any idea of what it even looked like.

In conjunction with unimproved value, we must not lose sight of the definition given of "value of improvements," which, in relation to land, means "the added value which the improvements give to the land at the date of valuation, irrespective of the cost of improvements." Now, the writer holds that a fair and reasonable value of improvement under this definition would be something as follows:—Assuming that a block of 2560 acres of land in the Central Division is about to be valued, the land being reasonably suitable for agriculture and grazing, the improvement of ringbarking and scrubbing having been carried out 20 years ago, and become fully effective for the last 10 years. In its original state the grazing capacity of the land would be merely nominal, and three years at least would elapse before its average grazing capacity is developed. The question to determine is, What is the value of this improvement? which probably cost in all 3s 6d per acre—the answer of a bona-fide seller would be that three years' gross income would be required to be added to the cost in order to arrive at the real value of the improvements, and he would probably point out to a bona-fide buyer that in securing the improved land, he would have an immediate income of, say, 4s per acre per year, whereas the unimproved land would scarcely yield one-fourth of this amount during the first three years. This means that 3s per acre for three years, which is 9s in all, requires to be added to the 3s 6d (which the improvement of ringbarking and scrubbing cost), making a total of 12s 6d as the added value which the improvements give to the land, and this is from the point of view of grazing only. If we now consider the added value for the purpose of agriculture, it will be evident that timber and scrub, which have been effectively killed and dead for ten years, could be cleared for a cost of about 10s per acre, whereas the timber and scrub in its green state would probably have cost 30s to £2. In this instance we have at least £1 per acre of added value to the cost of ringbarking and scrubbing, as the result of the added value of the improvement, and calculating the area that, under ordinary circumstances, would be cultivated, say, about 640 acres, a taxpayer could well claim that the value of the improvements for the purpose of agriculture should be £1 per acre, added to 3s 6d, the cost, giving a total of £1 3s 6d per acre. If the land has already been cleared, the seller of the cleared land would naturally say to a buyer, "If you buy the cleared land you can have a crop first season, whereas if you buy the uncleared land you will lose the income on one year's crop," so that added to the value of the cost of clearing should be a reasonable sum for the income of agriculture for one year.

In the Central Division the areas suitable for agriculture and grazing were mostly taken up in 2560-acre blocks, and these will, if situated at a reasonable distance from a railway, now have a value which will bring them under taxation, hence my reason for adopting that area as an example.

To put the matter in figures: Improved value of land, under conditions which a bona-fide seller would require, say—

2560 acres, at £4 per acre		£10,240 0 0
DEDUCTIONS.		
(a) Improvements, ringbarking and scrubbing, at 3s 6d per acre	£448 0 0	
Added value at 3s per acre for three years on three-fourths of the area used for grazing, representing deficient income—1920 acres at 9s	864 0 0	
Added value for the purpose of immediate agriculture—640 acres at £1 per acre	640 0 0	
(b) Six miles wire netting fence (being half of eight miles external boundary, and two miles to complete cultivation paddock, cost, say, £50 per mile	300 0 0	
Added value, enabling rabbits to be satisfactorily coped with as compared with country not netted, say 1s per acre	128 0 0	
Two miles wire fencing—subdivision	50 0 0	
(c) Water supply, 800 yards, at 8d	266 13 4	
(d) Buildings, sheds, etc.	1000 0 0	
Total improvements		£3,696 0 0
Unimproved value equals		6,544 0 0
Statutory deduction		5,000 0 0
Taxable balance		1,544 0 0
Rate equals $1+\frac{1544}{20,000}$ — $1\frac{193}{3750}$d		
Tax equals		6 15 3

I am, etc,
A. STEWART.
Parkes, Jan. 24.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

OUR STATE SYSTEM.

MUNICIPALISM AT WORK.

ELECTION MEETINGS.

A correspondent in the press comments upon what he calls "the decadence of the municipal spirit," as manifested, he says, in the fact that (1) good men are scarce in the municipal field, and are not coming forward among the new candidates; (2) that public meetings in the interests of candidates seem a thing of the past, and therefore the electors have no means of judging the candidates; (3) that if meetings are called the public stay away; (4) that the councils in the past have not been enterprising, and have not taken full advantage of the powers placed at their disposal by the new Act; (5) that there is not a single example of real improvement in any area, except the increase of population; (6) that roads and communication generally are in no better condition than under the old regime; and (7) that the cause of this want of enterprise is the fact that the councils have been reluctant to raise sufficient rates to carry on the work entrusted to them. This is a sweeping indictment, but the records of a large number of councils under the new regime are sufficient to rebut the charges contained in it. There has been steady progress, as the records show: (1) in finance; (2) in public health administration; (3) in the services, such as roads; and (4) generally in the development of a civic spirit. Probably the man who could supply the data to convince the pessimistic correspondent would be Mr. John Garlick, the local government officer, who has evidence in his possession that revolutionary changes in method and spirit have occurred since the Act of 1906 was passed.

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THE PROBABLE RESULTS.

It is difficult to forecast the results of the coming municipal and shire council elections. Although in many areas a distinct band of Labour candidates has been put forward, there has been no banding together of the other candidates on party lines to oppose the Labour men. It is probable that this election will be fought out almost on the old lines—the electors will seek the best men, irrespective of party, and return them. Probably the dominating question in each area will be that of some local improvement which affects the majority of the dwellers in the area, though there are clear indications recently that the constituencies are taking a keener interest in the larger questions of civic government. Especially in the areas where there are no divisions into wards, and the electors on the roll vote for the whole council, may we expect a choice of men who take the higher rather than the meaner view of their tasks and of the possibilities of local government. While the "roads and bridges" view is one which cannot be ignored or despised, and must be the first task of all progressive councils, there are powers within the Act which can only be set in motion for the people's benefit by men of courage, knowledge, and capacity.

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MUNICIPAL DEADLOCKS.

The "municipal deadlock" was a phenomenon frequently in evidence during last year. Usually it is settled by an appeal to common sense, but sometimes it leads to litigation and expense to all concerned. It is not yet ascertained whether municipal men are more or less schoolboyish or unreasonable than Parliamentarians; but certain it is that there has been a remarkable run of "scenes" in council meetings, some of which, like the Waverley and Junee instances, have led to deadlocks. There is usually no great difficulty in dissolving these deadlocks. When the heat of the conflict is over, matters can usually be arranged in the precincts of the town hall before the council assembles. Of course, where there is an obstinate councillor or alderman it may take more persuasive powers than usual to bring things to a groove again. In the Junee case the matter appears to have been settled by calling a public meeting, on requisition from the electors, at which the issue between the Mayor and the aldermen was considered with more or less heat, and the common-sense proposition carried that "the aldermen be requested to go to work and do their duty." Perhaps the new councils to be elected this week will reach that state of ideal perfection which everyone hopes may some day be secured in civic as well as in other mundane affairs.

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THE CLIFTON CASE.

The circumstances in connection with the Clifton outbreak of disease are analogous to those at Lithgow, which were protested against in this column until remedied. Overcrowding invariably produces epidemic disease; everyone knows that it will, and yet no provision is made in advance in some of these areas to avert it, and the Board of Health apparently only takes action after the mischief has made itself known. Whether this is a defect in the powers or in the administration of the Board of Health cannot be said here; but it is a subject for competent inquiry. The main defect which leads to these epidemics, though it may not be a direct factor in the present case, is the absence of "housing" powers in the Local Government Act. This is felt more keenly in industrial centres, and nowhere more than in the coal districts. A question arises—Does the Board of Health know of these danger zones? If so, why does it not take action, or, at any rate, make the danger public in time for the people themselves to make the best of their conditions, for even a camp can be kept in a hygienic condition? A suggestion was made long ago that the board prepare a "hygienic map" of the State, so that the administrative authorities may have the facts of the position before them. The board might do worse than work this proposal out.

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LISMORE ACHIEVEMENTS.

Many municipalities have adopted the idea of issuing an annual digest of information regarding their work for the year, printed in handy pamphlet form. Such a digest is to hand from the Lismore Council. It contains photos. of the town, a concise description of its geographical situation, area, resources, means of communication by land and sea, etc., a list of the names of the aldermen and officers of the council, a table of attendances at meetings, the Mayor's report, and the balance-sheet. The report shows that Lismore Council is one of the most progressive in the State. It has had a most vigorous year in regard to works; the public health administration shows good results in the diminution of contagious diseases; the sewage system has been enforced upon unwilling householders for the corporate benefit; rat-catching as a precautionary measure against plague was actively carried out; the ordinances with regard to butchers' shops have been enforced, and the alterations demanded by Ordinance 56 have been made; rigid inspection of slaughter-houses is being carried on; and the municipally-owned gasworks have been greatly improved, and the service carried on in a business-like way. The record of Lismore is good reading, as it shows the wide sphere of activity and usefulness which can be opened up by a good local government system, and by an energetic council.

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REDFERN'S YEAR.

The Mayor of Redfern, Mr. John Leitch, has issued a short synopsis of the year's work of his council. This presents a valuable record of useful achievement, and also an outline of progressive projects which the council were desirous of carrying into effect, but which were rejected by the ratepayers at a poll. This was an improvement proposal dealing with an area which badly needs drastic treatment, and is part of a scheme which dovetails in with the plans and operations of the City Council. In addition to maintaining the services of the area, increasing the plant, and carrying out the cleansing work by day labour, a qualified sanitary inspector has been appointed, who keeps a sharp eye upon meat, milk, fish, and other articles of food. One special feature of the report is the fact recorded that a sinking fund has been established during the etrm of this council, and already £1600 stands to its credit. This is a most commendable piece of financial administration, which shows the new spirit abroad in the councils. This sinking fund will be applied to the extinction of the old debts, which were incurred under a regime when sinking funds were not compulsory, as they are made by the Local Government Act in regard to future financial transactions.

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EXEMPTIONS FROM RATING.

The report of the outgoing Mayor of Redfern, Alderman Leitch, shows that railway resumptions, by taking lands at present rateable in the area and placing them on the list of those exempt from taxation, will deprive the council of £1000 per annum, which it derives from these properties at present. The whole question of exemptions is a vexed one. The Federal and State Governments both exempt their properties from rating, although they take advantage of the work done by the councils in their sanitary and other services. In Britain a lump sum is paid by the Government for municipal services rendered in regard to public offices. Here there is no payment for State properties; yet now the Federal Government is asking the councils to grant the Town Halls free, or at reduced rates, for military purposes in connection with their new defence scheme. Before the councils acquiesce in this proposal they should come to an understanding with the Government in regard to this exemption grievance. The railway service, which is one of the greatest offenders against the civic amenities in regard to its "horrible boarding" policy, should not be exempted by law from its share of rating. As the Mayor of Redfern says, it is a "purely trading and commercial concern," and should pay its way like any other business enterprise.

RAILWAY WANTED.

CANOWINDRA TO GREGRA.

When the railway line from Cowra to Canowindra was built it was part of a proposal that had been submitted to the Public Works Committee for a line as far as Gregra. The committee, however, declined to recommend its construction further than Canowindra. Now residents of the district beyond Canowindra are agitating for the extension of the line as originally proposed.

Yesterday Mr. Waddell introduced a deputation representing farmers from the districts affected to the Minister for Works. They asked him to resubmit the proposal to the House, with a view to sending it again to the Public Works Committee. The extension was wanted to Gregra, via Cudal. Such a line would open up a track of very rich land. It would pass through a valley 20 miles wide of unbroken wheat land. The deputation emphasised the fact that since the previous inquiry by the Public Works Committee the district had been much more closely settled. Holdings had been subdivided, and lands lying idle taken up.

The Minister for Works asked for figures showing the development of the district, and the amount of revenue that would probably be derived from the proposed line. These were not available, but Mr. Griffith promised that if they were sent to him, and they showed that the line was warranted, he would submit the proposal to the House with the view of sending it on to the Public Works Committee.

THE WAY OF PROMOTION.

A correspondent writes complaining of an alleged breach of faith on the part of the Defence Department towards certain non-commissioned officers on the instructional staff. He states that to gain their present positions they had to pass examination. Those who passed were appointed sergeant-majors, and were given to understand that when vacancies occurred they would be appointed warrant officers. It appears now, however, that those sergeant-majors who are eligible by long or good service for promotion to the rank of warrant officer have to pass another examination before they receive the promotion. Many of these men, it is stated, do the work of warrant officers, and they object to being compelled to pass another examination after being given to understand in the first place that it was not necessary.

THE NORTH SYDNEY MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Permit me, on behalf of those who believe in rating on unimproved values only, in this State, particularly those who are ratepayers of North Sydney, to make a brief appeal to the local electors of that municipality.

On Saturday, 28th inst, aldermen are to be elected for the ensuing three years. It is the first opportunity that the ratepayers have had to express an opinion upon the action of a majority of the retiring aldermen for denying them the power to demand a poll as to the incidence of the rating.

After the election of 1908 the council, after mature consideration, adopted rating on unimproved values only, thus falling into line with the vast majority of the municipalities of the State. That policy gave satisfaction.

In 1909, without any demand for a change on the part of the ratepayers, the council imposed a rate to yield over £7000 on "improved" values. It was done in a way that prevented a poll being demanded, and undoubtedly was a flagrant violation of the spirit and intention of the Local Government Act.

At the present election two of the offending aldermen have retired. They did not wait for the electors to express their opinion, or attempt to justify their policy.

There are 18 new men coming forward. Every one of them advocates rating on unimproved values only. In fact, in three wards there are so many men standing for a just system of rating that there is danger of serious vote-splitting, which, of course, favours injustice and misrepresentation. I can only urge that in those wards that the men in the council who voted straight should be supported again, and that the other votes should be given to the strongest candidates.

For one of the other wards two candidates represent each side of the rating question; consequently, as the elector must vote for three, he has to waste one vote.

In the remaining ward the three new men stand for rating on unimproved values only, and there is no occasion for any loss of votes.

The merits of rating on unimproved values are fully recognised and appreciated except by land monopolists. In Mosman, which adjoins North Sydney, when the poll was taken it was carried by 358 to 84.

There are 324 city, municipal, and shire councils in New South Wales. All but a very small proportion rate entirely upon unimproved values. Of the minority 75 per cent. raise only a small proportion of their rates from "improved" values.

On account of the way the improved value rate was levied and the amount raised, North Sydney is the worst example of a council penalising industry and improvement in the State.

The City of Sydney is excepted. It is not under the Local Government Act. At the same time, it is but fair to say that even city rates would be entirely on unimproved values but for a technical defect in the law.

In conclusion, let me urge that North Sydney local electors vote straight for men who are pledged to rating on unimproved values only. Increasing business, trade, production, and improvement depend upon increasing use of land. Holding land idle for speculation purposes hampers business, injures trade, lessens production, and checks improvement. Use of land, therefore, should be free, and monopoly of it unprofitable. To that end we urge that those who use land and those who hold it idle should be treated alike.

I am, etc., A. G. HUIE.

INDIGESTION ENDED.

BILE BEANS AGAIN TRIUMPHANT.

Mr. C. J. Brooks, of 352 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, Sydney, is conversant with the wonderful curative virtues of Bile Beans, and writes the following letter for the benefit of fellow-sufferers from indigestion. He says:—"Indigestion troubled me for a long time. I also suffered with the liver, which—together with the indigestion—accounted for the terrible pains I experienced, which nearly drove me mad. Insomnia also added to my misery. I tried various remedies in the hope of alleviating my sufferings, but without success. I was advised to try Bile Beans, and decided to give them a chance, and see if they would do me any good. The results I have derived from Bile Beans are most satisfactory. I underwent a course of the Beans to the extent of two boxes, when all the pain had disappeared, the insomnia had left me, and I am once more myself. This having been my experience with Bile Beans, I shall certainly recommend them to anyone whom I know requires a genuine liver medicine."

Bile Beans, the world's standard family medicine, promptly banish indigestion, headache, biliousness, constipation, liver trouble, spasms, female ailments, debility, flatulency, palpitation, pains in the back and shoulders, rheumatism, and all stomach and liver disorders. Refuse all substitutes. 1/1½ and 2/9 per box.—Advt.

ANTHONY HORDERNS' SALE!

First Day:
TO-MORROW,
Friday, Jan. 27.

Genuine Reductions In Every Department.

Last Day:
SATURDAY,
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Silk Sacrificed.

BLACK SILKS.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
500yds 36in Black Taffeta yard	4/3	3/6
200yds 40in Black Chiffon Taffeta	4/9	4/
478yds 40in Black Chiffon Taffeta	6/3	5/3
250yds 21½in Black Satin Merveilleux	2/8	2/4
375yds 23½in Black Satin Merveilleux	3/	2/8
400yds 21½in Black Satin Merveilleux	3/11	3/5
280yds 21in Black Chiffon Taffeta	2/9	2/4
300yds 23in Black Chiffon Taffeta	3/	2/6
200yds 40in Black Louisine	4/6	3/11
408yds 20in Black Louisine	2/2	1/10
600yds 23in Black Japanese Silk	1/	/10
700yds 27in Black Japanese Silk	1/3	1/

COLOURED SILKS.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
789yds 21in Shot Taffeta yard	2/6	1/9
420yds 33in Coloured Shantung. Shades—Reseda, Rose, Peacock, Violet	3/3	2/
700yds 21½in Spun Silks. White and Cream Grounds, Coloured Stripes, Dark Grounds, White Stripes, etc.	1/9	1/3
200yds Moire Velours. Shades—Reseda, Sky, Pink, Brown	2/3	1/9
200yds Fancy Foulards	1/9	1/
230yds 22in Fancy Figured Silks, Floral and Striped Designs	4/9	2/6
320yds 21½in Fancy Coloured Striped Silk. Shades—Blue, Pink, Violet, Reseda, etc.	3/11	2/3
120yds 21in Broche Silk. Shades—Maize	3/11	1/11
300yds 36in Cream Japanese Silk	3/11	2/11
120yds 20/21in Broche Silk, White and Cream Spots, etc.	2/6	1/6
130yds 21/22in Broche Silk, White and Cream, Satin Grounds	3/3	1/8
128yds 21/22in Broche Silk, White Silk Grounds	3/6, 3/11	2/
100yds 21/22in Broche Silk. White and Cream Satin Grounds	3/11	2/
450yds 22in Broche Silk, White and Cream	5/3	2/6
700yds 27in Japanese Silk. Shades—Ruby, Grey, Reseda, Helio., etc.	2/2	1/1

REMNANTS AT CLEARING PRICES.

Model Reception Dresses.

FASHIONABLE STYLES.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
1 No. 11.—Model Reception Gown of Cerise and White Shot Messaline Silk, Princess style, draped Ivory ninon, trimmed Paris Lace, Insertion, finished waistband of Black Ribbon Velvet	£11/11/-	£5/5/-
1 No. 2230.—Reception Model Gown of Biscuit Canvas Voile, one-piece effect, lined throughout Taffeta Chiffon Silk, handsomely trimmed fine Lace and Insertion, Oriental Embroidery, and finished newest style	£7/17/-	£5/5/-
1 No. 3082.—Model Reception Gown of Nankin Blue Crepe Shantung Silk, Princess style, lined throughout Ivory Taffeta Chiffon, bodice is prettily draped, Magyar effect, inlet Lace sleeves, Lace yoke, finished Oriental trimming, and Black Soutache Skirt in tunic effect, finished Medallions of Black Soutache to match	£7/17/-	£5/5/-
1 No. 3172.—Model Reception Gown of Petunia Moire Velour, bodice relieved small Yoke of finely tucked Net, front of Cream Tinsel Net, veiled with tucked Petunia Chiffon to match, sleeves of Moire and tucked Chiffon; smartly cut Skirt, bodice lined Silk	£6/6/-	£4/9/6
1 No. 3010.—Model Reception Gown of Electric Blue Venetian Cloth, handsomely braided, and trimmed Black and Paisley silk, finished in the latest style	£5/5/-	79/6
Also, in another style, in Silver Grey Face Cloth	£5/9/6	79/6
1 No. 3018.—Model Reception Gown of Ashes of Rose fine all wool Armure, prettily trimmed Self Braid, Black pipings and buttons, circular yoke of Cream net, smartly cut Skirt	90/6	69/6
1 No. 152.—Model Reception Gown of Vieux Rose Taffeta, prettily trimmed soutache to match, Self satin folds and circular yoke of tinsel net, new shaped skirt	£7/19/6	84/-
1 No. 2016.—Model Reception Gown of Buff Venetian Face Cloth, Princess style, with panel overdress effect, daintily braided, relieved Black satin waist belt, and square yoke of White net with gold tinsel spots and braid to match	£6/16/-	£4/14/6

Manchester Marvels.

HORROCKSES' WHITE CALICO.

	Usual Price per yd.	Reduced to per doz.
1300 pcs. A1, 36in Longcloth	/5	4/4½
830 pcs. H1, 36in Longcloth	/6	5/3
950 pcs. C, 36in Longcloth	/7	6/3
90 pcs. H, 36in Longcloth	/8	6/11
40 pcs. M2, 36in Longcloth	/9	7/11
239 pcs. M7, 36in Longcloth	/10	8/11
175 pcs. H8ft, 36in Longcloth	/10½	9/3
26 pcs. No. 20, 36in H'vy Med.	/7½	5/11
15 pcs. No. 24, 36in, ditto	/8½	6/11
16 pcs. No. 28, 36in, ditto	/9½	7/11
17 pcs. No. 32, 36in, ditto	/10½	8/11

HORROCKSES' MADAPOLAM.

153 pcs. SL1 36in	/7	6/3
153 pcs. SL2 36in	/7½	6/6
105 pcs. SL3 36in	/8	7/
33 pcs. SL4 36in	/9	7/11
63 pcs. SL5 36in	/10	8/11
45 pcs. SL6 36in	/11	9/9
178 pcs. SL1 42in	/7½	6/4
67 pcs. SL3 42in	/9	7/11
34 pcs. SL5 42in	/11	9/9

CREWDSON'S WHITE CALICO.

15 pcs. AA, 36in Longcloth	/7½	6/6
75 pcs. BB, 36in Longcloth	/8½	7/3
65 pcs. CC, 36in Longcloth	/9½	8/3
20 pcs. No. 22 36in	/7½	6/6
10 pcs. No. 33, 36in Longcloth	/8	6/11
23 pcs. No. 44 36in Longcloth	/9	7/11
35 pcs. No. 55 36in Longcloth	/10	8/9
17 pcs. No. 2 36in Hvy. Med.	/6½	5/9
30 pcs. No. 3 36in, ditto	/7½	6/6
38 pcs. No. 4, 36in, ditto	/8½	7/3

EX S.S. SOMERSET.

A PARCEL OF HEAVY WIGAN WHITE TWILLED SHEETINGS & TOWELS MUCH BELOW REGULAR PRICES.

	Usual Price. per yd.	Reduced to. per yd.
No. 4 Quality, 72in wide	1/2½	1/
No. 5 Quality, 72in wide	1/4	1/2
No. 6 Quality, 72in wide	1/5	1/3
No. 8 Quality, 72in wide	1/6	1/4
No. 10 Quality, 72in wide	1/7	1/5
No. 12 Quality, 72in wide	1/8	1/6
No. 4 Quality, 80in wide	1/4	1/2½
No. 5 Quality, 80in wide	1/5	1/3½
No. 6 Quality, 80in wide	1/6	1/4½
No. 8 Quality, 80in wide	1/7	1/5
No. 10 Quality, 80in wide	1/8	1/6
No. 12 Quality, 80in wide	1/9	1/7

STRIPED GREY TURKISH TOWELS.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
100 doz. No. 381	/8½	/7
100 doz. No. 340	/10½	/9
50 doz. No. 146	/11½	/10

HEMSTITCHED TURKISH TOWELS.

50 doz. No. 719	1/11	1/7½

Ladies' Hosiery.

PLAIN BLACK CASHMERE HOSE.

	Usual Price. Pair.	Reduced to. Pair.
320 doz. Improved Fashioned spliced ankles	1/5	1/3
415 doz. Full fashioned double soles	1/7	1/5
385 doz. Full fashioned double soles	1/9	1/6
58 doz. Full fashioned Indiana soles	2/-	1/9
280 doz. High spliced heels, double toes	2/-	1/9
43 doz. Full fashioned "Indiana"	2/3	1/11
60 doz. Hand looped heels, winter weight	2/4	2/-
39 doz. Hand seamed feet, double soles, heavy weight	2/6	2/2
31 doz. Full fashioned extra fine, summer weight	2/9	2/4
41 doz. Hand looped heels, winter weight	2/9	2/4
12 doz. Plain White, spliced heels and toes	2/6	2/2
14 doz. Plain Tan, assorted shades	2/3	1/11
17 doz. Tan, Lace ankles, assorted designs	2/-	1/9
14 doz. Black and Tan, Lace ankles, assorted designs	2/6	2/2

PLAIN BLACK CASHMERE HOSE.

SPECIAL LARGE SIZE.

25 doz. Full fashioned, high spliced heels, double soles	1/9	1/6
23 doz. Hand looped heels, spliced selvedges, winter weight	2/3	1/11
18 doz. Full fashioned extra fine, summer weight	2/9	2/4
11 doz. Hand looped heels, double soles, winter weight	3/-	2/6

FANCY CASHMERE HOSE.

11 doz. Plain Tan, Saxe, Prunella, with coloured embroidered Silk fronts	2/-	1/8
9 doz. Plain Myrtle, Saxe, Tan, Wedgewood, Gobelin, and Purple embroidered Silk fronts	2/6	2/-
7 doz. Plain Tan, Claret, Brown, and Myrtle coloured embroidered Silk fronts	2/9	2/3
4 doz. Black, Embroidered Silk fronts, floral design	2/9	2/-
8 doz. Tartan, assorted fancy checks	4/6	3/11
22 doz. Black and Tan Ribbed Silk and Wool, shot with White, Heliotrope, Sky, Purple, and Cardinal	2/6	1/9

FINE RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE.

143 doz. Black, full-fashioned spliced ankles	1/9	1/6
87 doz. Black, hand-seamed feet, double soles	2/-	1/9
63 doz. Black, full-fashioned, double soles	2/3	1/11

Prizes in Prints.

	Usual Price. yard.	Reduced to. dozen.
160 Pieces 30in Printed Cambric, fancy and floral designs, on medium and dark grounds	/4	2/11
100 Pieces 29in White Ground Cambrics, spots, stripes, checks, and fancy designs	/4½	3/3
30 Pieces 31in White Ground Print, soft finish, fancy stripes in Pink, Green, Heliotrope, Black	/6	4/6
30 Pieces 32in Printed English Cambrics, fancy stripes on White Grounds	/7½	5/6
55 Pieces 32in French Printed Cambrics, spots, stripes, checks, etc., on White and Medium grounds	/10	6/11
35 Pieces 32in French Printed Toile de Irlande, Block and Fancy Stripes, on Medium grounds	/9½	6/6
40 Pieces 29in Printed Mercerised Sateen, spot and floral designs on Navy grounds	/8½	6/9
20 Pieces 30in Printed Mercerised Blousing, White grounds, Navy, Pink, Sky, Black Stripes	/8½	5/11
40 Pieces 26in Printed Corona Stripe Muslin	/3½	2/9
25 Pieces 27in Printed Cotton Voile, new designs, on Electric, Bronze, Moss, Myrtle, Vieux Rose, Brown, Claret grounds	/10½	/8
	yard.	yard.
8 Pieces 30in Printed Foulard, floral designs	1/6	/10½
7 Pieces 30in French Printed Cotton Voile	1/6	1/

Bargains in Belts.

WHITE KID BELTS.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
30 doz. Plain White Kid, 1½in wide, rustle lining (Our Own Make)	1/9	1/3
25 doz. Folded Kid (Our Own Make)	2/9	2/3
25 doz. White Kid, with kid covered buckle back	1/3	1/
12 doz. White Folded, shaped front, with three large buttons on back, very neat	2/6	1/9

FANCY PETERSHAM BELTS.

75 doz. Fancy Galoon, in Plain Silk Petersham; Fancy Pictorial buckle front; in Wine, Moss, Navy, White and Sky, Fawn, Brown, Moule (our own make)	2/3	1/11
48 doz. Figured Silk Galoon Belts, with Merry Widow buckle front; in Green, Navy, Brown, White and Sky, Wine, Cardinal, and Rose, Apricot, Champagne (our own make)	1/6	1/3
22 doz. Fancy Petersham Picket edge Galoon, centre, celluloid buckle front; in Amethyst, White, White and Sky, White and Helio. Small sizes only; 22 x 25in	2/3	1/9
22 doz. Plain Silk Petersham, 1½in wide, with fancy Galoon centres to match, celluloid buckle front (our own make); in Brown, Navy, Moss, Myrtle, Red, Sky, Amethyst, Pink, Helio, White	1/6	1/3

TINSEL BELTS.

25 doz. Fancy Coloured Floral design in Tinsel; Sky and White, Helio. and White, Green and White, Vieux Rose and White, Navy and White, Prune and White, Gold and White, each	/9	/8
36 doz. Silver Tinsel, with coloured stripe; Green, Helio, Sky, Pink, Gold	1/	/10

Washing Trimmings.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to
60 yds. Coloured Floral, on White Cotton, net insertion, in the following shades: Vieux Rose, Amethyst, Mauve, Reseda, Brown, Saxe, Sky, Apricot, Ashes of Roses, and Tussore	1/7½	1/6
30 yds. Also in heavy effect, in Black, White, Saxe	1/9	1/6
75 yds. Coloured Linen Insertion, in Pink and White, Brown, Saxe, Mauve and White, Vieux Rose, Prunella, Saxe and White, Reseda and White, Sky and White	1/9	1/6
80 yds. Coloured Linen Insertion in Self tones, in Brown, Reseda, Mauve, Saxe, Sky, Pink, Prunella, and Brown	1/	/10½
70 yds. Muslin Insertion worked with mercerised cotton, in all colours, viz., Pink and White, Sky and White, Saxe and White, Mauve and White, Reseda and White	1/9	/10½
50 yds. Coloured Spotted Linen Insertion, in Mauve and White, Reseda and White, Mauve, Vieux Rose, Prunella, Brown, Navy, Tussore, and White	1/	/10½
48 yds. Coloured Washing Net Insertion, in all Self shades, in Sky, Pink, Reseda, and Brown	1/	/10½
46 yds. Ditto, in narrow width	/8½	/7½

COLOURED SILK APPLIQUE.

10 yds. Green and Gold on White Silk Galoon	1/	/10½
6 yds. Green and White Drop, Galoon Edging	2/6	1/6
12 yds. White, with Brown Centre Applique	/7½	/6½
6 yds. Coloured Cotton Applique	/3	/2
6 yds. Brown on White Net Applique	1/11	1/6
4 yds. Green and Vieux Rose Silk and Velvet Applique	4/11	4/3

Ready-to-Wear Hats.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
118 Coloured Linen Hats, assorted shapes and colours	3/11 to 4/11	2/11
75 Natural Crash Hats, Paisley Band and Crown	4/11	2/11
154 White and Coloured Linen Hats, assorted shapes and colours	5/11 to 6/11	3/11
6 Tussore Hats, trimmed band and bow of ribbon velvet	12/6	5/11
17 White Pique Hats, trimmed Paisley	7/6	5/11
20 White Linen Hats, trimmed band and bow of Paisley Silk	10/6	6/11
35 Brown or Green Moire Hats, trimmed band of moire	5/11	3/11
30 Coarse Coloured Straw Tricorne Hats, trimmed Buckle of Straw and Quill	12/6	4/11
20 Coloured Straw Hats, rolled at side, trimmed velvet band and bow	8/6	4/11
41 Burnt Straw Mushroom Hats, trimmed fancy coloured scarf	7/11	5/11
40 Burnt and Coloured Straw Hats, slightly rolled at side, trimmed band and bow of ribbon velvet	8/11 to 9/11	5/11
16 Rose or Brown Crinoline Hats, trimmed band and rosette	10/6	7/11
81 White and Coloured Striped Fedal Straw Hats, trimmed band and bow of velvet	12/6	8/11

Toilet Requisites.

	Usual Price	Reduced to
5 doz. Polestar Briquette, to prevent irritation after shaving. A solid block prepared from glycerine and boracic acid each	/11	/7
10 doz. Curling Tongs, with pull-out bar for heating	/6	/1½
12 doz. Prepared Pumice Stone, for the hands	/5	/3
19 doz. Prepared Pumice Stone, with wood handle	/6	/4
9 doz. Witch Hazel Snow, Tree brand pot	/10½	/7½
17 doz. Cold Cream of Roses	/7½	/6
30 doz. Glycerine and Rosewater, Tree brand 4oz bottle	/6	/4½
17 doz. Glycerine and Rosewater, Tree brand 8oz bottles	1/	/9
73 doz. Rosewater, Tree brand, 4oz bottles	/6	/4½
23 doz. Rosewater, Tree brand, 8oz bottles	1/	/9
6 doz. Glycerine and Cucumber Cream bottle	1/	/9
25 doz. Camphor Ice, A.H. and S. tin	/5½	/4
9 doz. Witch Hazel Liquid, A.H. and S. bottle	1/	/9
120 doz. Petroleum Jelly, 1lb tins tin	/9	/7½
22 doz. Petroleum Jelly, 8oz jar jar	/6	/5
30 doz. Petroleum Jelly, 4oz jar	/4½	2 for 7½
65 doz. White Petroleum Jelly, 4oz jar	/9	/7½
53 doz. White Vaseline, 2oz jar	/6	/4½
99 doz. Petal Dust, will save your clothes from moths each	/2½	6 for 1/
54 doz. Scented Sachets, for handkerchiefs, gloves, etc.	/6	/4½
70 doz. Scented Sachet Doyleys, for table or sideboard	/6	/4½
45 doz. Carnation Face Cream, A.H. and S. jar	1/	/9
30 doz. Pinaud's Cosmetique, for the moustache, white stick	/6	/4
20 doz. Tins Powder Sprinklers, filled powder for gloves each	/6	/3

Toilet Brushware.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
5 doz. Hair Brushes, satinwood back, short and stiff bristles, ea.	7/-	5/3
11 doz. Solid back Hair Brushes, French, pure bristle	6/-	4/9
10 doz. Boys' Hair Brushes, Black back	1/6	1/2
6 doz. Kent's Military Brushes, whale bone and bristle, very hard	5/9	3/6
4 doz. Cloth Brushes, White bristle, Rosewood back	2/4	1/9
5 doz. Cloth Brushes, Black bristle and fibre, with handle	2/7	2/-
12 doz. Nail Brushes, polished back, 5-row mixed fibre	/6	2 for /9
11 doz. Nail Brushes, polished back, 7-row	/6	2 for /9
11 doz. Nail Brushes, polished back, 6-row, Black and White fibre	/6	2 for /9
12 doz. Nail Brushes, polished back, 8-row, fibre and bristle	/6	2 for /9
36 doz. Nail Brushes, plain back, 4-row, white fibre	/1½	3 for /3
20 doz. Nail Brushes, extra large, unpolished back, 8-row fibre	/7½	/5
8 doz. Nail Brushes, Ortwara, fibre, octagonal shape	/6	/4½
24 doz. Shaving Brushes, hog hair, metal bound, wood handle	1/	/7½
6 doz. Shaving Brushes, wood handle, string bound	/9	/7½
300 doz. French Tooth Brushes, The Champion, 4-rows, fine bristle	/9	2 for 1/-
60 doz. French Tooth Brushes, The Wellington, 5-rows fine bristle	1/3	1/-
75 doz. Tooth Brushes, for boys		3 for 1/-

Sale Snaps in Soap

180 doz. Williams', Traveller's Favourite Shaving Stick, each	/9	/7½
15 doz. Crown Perfumery's Lavender Salts Soap, cake	/4	4 for 1/-
26 doz. Reuter's Skin and Head Soap, 3 cakes in box	3/	1/8
70 doz. Motorist's and Mechanic's Soap, "Grit," tin	/6	2 for /9
96 doz. William's Jersey Cream Soap, small size, cake	/3½	5 for 1/-
27 doz. Schering's Formalin Soap, each in tin box	/5½	2 for /9

A WORD TO THE WISE.

Our London House advises as follows, under date Dec. 2, 1910:—

"Cotton is high now, and any increase in trade would tend to send cloth up to famine prices. We have been able to cover to advantage, and our Australian friends will reap the reward during the next Sale.

"We have shipped per s.s. Somerset a **CLEARING LINE of WHITE SHEETINGS** in quantities as had before, and which are 15 per cent. **UNDER CURRENT RATES.** Another purchase shipped to arrive in time for the Sale is a line of **TOWELS**, bought 17½ per cent. **BELOW THE MARKET PRICE.**"

Following our **USUAL CUSTOM**, we **PASS ON** to our **CUSTOMERS** the **FULL ADVANTAGE** of these **SPOT CASH PURCHASES**, which mean that the **PRICES** will be far and away below what would **OTHERWISE** be **POSSIBLE.**

For **ANTHONY HORDERNS' 20 DAYS' SALE** there are over half a million Big Bargains, representing a selection from the world's choicest merchandise. The straight-forward announcement is made that a reduction has not been effected on all the goods stocked in the **NEW PALACE EMPORIUM**, but over 10,000 separate lines have been lowered in price, as set out in the Sale Catalogue, which contains no bogus announcements or misleading statements.

ANTHONY HORDERNS' FAMOUS SALE PRICES

will be found much more desirable in every way than bonuses, coupons, or discounts. Indeed, they present exceptional chances to save money, and obtain exactly what is desired in quality and usefulness. No discriminating shopper can afford to overlook this sale of the best the world produces.

SEND FOR SALE CATALOGUE, POSTED FREE ON REQUEST.

Wicker Furniture.

FANCY WICKER CHAIRS, Best Quality, on Malacca Cane Frames, Round Flat Seats, Hundreds of Designs to select from—			
Usual Price	9/9	10/6	11/6 each
Reduced to	8/9	9/6	10/- each
FANCY WICKER CHAIRS, Larger Size, with Arms—			
Usual Price		11/6	12/6 each
Reduced to		10/	10/9 each
FIBRE CHAIRS, with Flat Seats, in a Variety of Designs—			
Usual Price	10/6	11/6	12/6 each
Reduced to	9/6	10/	11/- each
FIBRE CHAIRS, with Hollow Seats and Fancy Wicker Backs— Usual Price, 17/6; Reduced to 15/6			
TWISTED FIBRE CHAIRS, Best Quality, Malacca Cane Frames, close woven backs, hollow seats—			
Usual Price	22/	27/6	30/- each
Reduced to	19/	24/6	27/6 each
WILLOW CHAIRS, Large and Roomy, fitted with Cretonne Cushion in Seat and Back, 3 Sizes—			
Usual Price	16/6	17/6	21/- each
Reduced to	15/	16/	19/- each
FANCY WICKER SUITE of 7 PIECES, viz., Settee and 6 Chairs, New Design— Usual Price, £6/10/-, Reduced to £5/12/6			
FANCY SUITE IN GREEN FIBRE, comprising Settee and 6 Chairs— Usual Price, £6/12/6, Reduced to £5/15/-			
FANCY WICKER TABLES, Round or Octagon Tops		Usual Price. 9/6	Reduced to. 8/9

Embroidery.

MUSLIN BOX BLOUSES—										
Usual Price	2/6	2/9	2/11	3/3	3/6	3/11	6/3	7/3	8/6	8/9
Reduced to	2/	2/3	2/6	2/9	2/9	3/3	5/6	6/6	7/9	7/11
27in WHITE CAMISOLE EMBROIDERY, CAMBRIC OR MUSLIN—										
Usual Price					/9	/10½		1/	1/3	1/6
Reduced to					/7½	/8½	/9½	/11½	1/	1/3
UNMADE EMBROIDERY CAMISOLES, WITH SHOULDER STRAPS—										
Usual Price					2/6	2/11	3/6	3/9	4/3	4/6
Reduced to					2/3	2/6	2/11	3/3	3/6	3/9
18in INSERTION, MUSLIN OR CAMBRIC—										
Usual Price yard					1/2	1/3	1/4	1/6	1/8	1/9
Reduced to					/9½	/10½	/11	1/	1/1½	1/3½
6in BROKEN EDGE INSERTION—										
Usual Price yard						/9½	1/2		1/4	1/6
Reduced to yard					/7	/9½		/10½	/11½	1/1
6in MUSLIN RIBBON BEADING—										
Usual Price yard					/9	/9½	/11	1/	1/1½	1/3
Reduced to yard					/6	/7	/8	/9	/10½	/11

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
8in Oriental Insertion	12/6	6/3
11in Ecru Muslin Insertion, Guipure Effects	12/6	6/3
White Muslin Flouncing, Broderie Anglaise Effects—		
25in	6/11	3/6
9in	1/11	1/
2½-inch Insertion	1/3	/7½
3½in Broken Edge Insertion to match	2/6	1/3
26in White Muslin Broderie Anglaise	8/11	4/6
10in Insertion, to match	10/6	5/3
3in Insertion, to match	1/6	/9
12in White Muslin Edging, diamond pattern	2/11	1/6
9in White Muslin Edging, to match	1/11	1/

LADIES' COLOURED Blouse and Skirt Costumes

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
20 No. 538.—Cambric Costume, plain Blouse, embroidery collar, White ground, with Black, Green, Pink, and Heliotrope stripes	6/11	5/11
25 No. 703.—Cambric Costume, Blouse trimmed embroidery heading, White ground, with Brown and Heliotrope stripes	7/6	6/-
33 No. 4012.—Print Costume, Shirt Blouse, in Navy and Butcher grounds, spotted designs	7/11	5/11
13 No. 801.—Cambric Costume, Shirt Blouse, in Navy, Black, and Heliotrope grounds, White stripes	8/6	7/-
15 No. 217.—Cambric Costume, Shirt Blouse, with embroidery collar, White ground, with Navy stripes	9/6	6/11

Coloured Princess Robes.

66 No. 213.—Zephyr Princess Robes, trimmed hemstitch tucks, in Pink, Sky, Heliotrope, and Nil	11/6	8/6
16 No. 568.—Zephyr Princess Robes, with valenciennes lace yoke, in Black and White stripe, Sky and White, Heliotrope and White, Green and White	15/6	12/6
72 No. 4002.—Cambric Princess Robes, with yoke of beading and valenciennes lace, pleats at foot of skirt, finished pipings and buttons; colours Black, Pink, Blue, Heliotrope, Green and White stripes	16/6	12/6

Girls' Costumes.

No. 1060.—Girls' White Book Muslin Costumes, band into waist, trimmed embroidery insertion—

Size	27	30	33	36 in.
Quantity	6	6	9	6
Usual Price	6/-	6/6	7/-	7/6
Reduced to	5/3	5/9	6/3	6/9

No. 1063.—Children's White Swiss and Muslin Costumettes, loose from yoke, deep collar, trimmed and muslin embroidery insertion. Skirt finished rows of embroidery insertion and pin tucks. To suit girls 2 to 8 years—

Size	20	22	24	26 in.
Quantity	6	6	6	6
Usual Price	10/6	11/3	12/-	12/9
Reduced to	5/6	6/6	7/6	8/6

No. 1000.—Children's Cheap White Muslin Costumettes, Daintily embroidered, loose from yoke—

Size	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36 in.
Quantity	12	12	8	8	3	3	2	4
Usual Price	5/6	5/9	6/-	6/3	6/6	6/9	6/9	6/11
Reduced to	4/9	5/-	5/3	5/6	5/9	6/-	6/-	6/3

No. 1000.—Several White Swiss Muslin Costumettes and Costumes, slightly soiled, to fit girls from 2 to 14 years—

Usual Price ranging from 14/ u- to 25/6.
REDUCED to 9/11 to 15/6.

GIRLS' WHITE MUSLIN BLOUSE AND SKIRT COSTUMES.

No. 1000.—Girls' White Muslin Blouse and Skirt Costumes, plain style, trimmed tucks only, also dressy design trimmed Valenciennes Lace and Embroidered insertion—

Skirt length	26	28	30	32	34	36 in.
Quantity	4	6	5	4	5	3
Usual price	14/6	15/6	16/6	17/6	18/6	19/6
Reduced to	10/6	11/6	12/6	13/6	14/6	15/6

Good Gloves.

LADIES' SUEDE KID GLOVES.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
8-button Black Suede, sizes 5-3 to 6-1 pair	2/11	2/6
8-button Beaver Suede, sizes 5-3 to 6-1	2/11	2/6
8-button Grey Suede, sizes 5-3 to 6-1	2/11	2/6
2-button White Washing Suede, sizes 5-2 to 7-2	2/6	1/11
2-button Cream Washing Suede, sizes 5-2 to 7-2	2/6	1/11
4-button Black French, sizes 5-2, 5-3, 6 only	4/6	2/11
2-button Dome, Fawn, and Beaver Pique., sizes 5¾ to 7½	2/11	2/9
2-button Dome, Slate and Brown Pique, sizes 5¾ to 7½	2/11	2/9
10-button Length Fawn, sizes 5-3 to 6-3	4/11	2/11
10-button Length Brown, sizes 5-3 to 6-3	4/11	2/11
10-button Length Grey, sizes 5-3 to 6-3	4/11	2/11
16-button Length Fawn, sizes 5-3 to 6-3	6/11	3/6
16-button Length Blacks, sizes 5-2 to 6-1	6/11	3/6
16-button Length Grey, sizes 5-2 to 6-1	6/11	3/6
12-button Length Black French, sizes 5-2 to 6	7/6	4/11

LADIES' KID GLOVES.

2-button White Kid, all sizes pair	1/11	1/8
4-button White Kid, all sizes	1/11	1/8
4-button Brown Kid, all sizes	2/6	1/11
4-button Beaver Kid, all sizes	2/6	1/11
4-button Grey, all sizes	2/6	1/11
3-button White Kid, Green and Prune, stitched backs, 5-2 to 6-1	2/11	1/11
3 Domes, White Kid, Green and Prune, stitched backs, 5-2 to 6-1	3/6	2/6
4-button assorted makes, slightly soiled, all sizes	3/6	2/6
4-button, French makes, slightly soiled, all sizes	3/11	2/6
4-button, French makes, slightly soiled, all sizes	4/6	2/6
12-button Length, Mousquetaire, Fawn and Beaver, sizes 5-3 to 6½	7/6	5/6
16-button Length, Mousquetaire, Fawn and Beaver, sizes 5-3 to 6½	8/6	4/11
8-button Length, Mousquetaire, Beaver Pique, all sizes	5/11	4/11
12-button Length, Mousquetaire, White Pique, all sizes	7/6	6/6
16-button Length, Mousquetaire, White Pique, all sizes	7/6	6/9
16-button Length, Mousquetaire, Pale Blue and Pink, all sizes	8/6	5/11
12-button Length, Mousquetaire, Tan, all sizes	3/11	2/11

CHILDREN'S KID GLOVES.

2-clasp White, Black points, sizes 00 to 2 pair	2/6	1/6
4-clasp Beaver and Brown, sizes 00 to 6	2/6	2/3

Muslin Voile, Voilena, etc.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
	yard.	yard.
8 Pieces 30in Hemstitched Muslin, striped, Heliotrope	/8½	/6
4 Pieces 30in Woven Stripe Muslin	/8½	/6
	yard.	dozen.
22 Pieces 28in White Woven Stripe Muslin	/7½	4/6
18 Pieces 30in French Soyeuse Muslin, Self Colours, Navy, Cream, Light Sky, Nil	/7½	5/6
	yard.	yard.
18 Pieces 38in Silk Stripe Voilena, Self Colours, Navy, Brown, Moss	1/6	/10½
7 Pieces 40in Mercerised Stripe Voilena, Champagne Stripe on Navy, Wedgwood, Nil, Pink, Heliotrope	1/8	1/
14 Pieces 44in Woven Stripe Voile, White Grounds, Pink, Navy, Turquoise, Cinnamon, Nil Stripes	1/9	1/3
5 Pieces 30in Embroidered Spot and Stripe Muslin, White, Light Navy, Pink, Brown	1/11	1/
5 Pieces 44in Striped Voile, Embroidered Silk Spots on White Grounds	2/3	1/6

Men's Boots and Shoes.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
50 Pairs Glace Kid and Calf Lace-ups; Tweed Goloshed Button Boots, sizes 8's, 9's, 10's; Glace Kid Lace-ups, patent caps or self caps, narrow and medium toes; sizes 5's and 10's only	9/6	5/11
90 Pairs Patent Lace and Button Boots, pump soles; Glace Balmorals, sewn; sizes 5's to 10's	10/6	6/11
180 Pairs Tweed Goloshed Balmorals, no caps, self-cap, and sewn, sizes 5's to 10's; Glace Kid Balmorals, sewn, sizes 5's to 9's; Tweed Derby Lace-ups, plain, sizes 5's to 8's; Mineral Cossacks, sewn, size 10's only; Glace Kid Lace-ups, narrow toes, sizes 6, 8, 9, 10	10/6	7/11
100 Pairs Glace Derby and Lace Boots, patent caps, Box Calf Lace-ups, Tweed Lace-ups, welted; Glace Kid Laceups, plain vamps; Chrome Wallaby Balmorals, welted, narrow and square toes; sizes 5's to 10's	11/9	8/11
90 Pairs Glace Lace-ups, pointed toes, American make, sizes 8, 9, 10, 11; Tan Willow Lace-ups, welted; Tan Willow and Glace Lace-ups, welted, sizes 5, 6, 8, 9, 10	1[illegible]	9/11
200 Pairs Box Calf Balmorals, welted, sizes 5's to 10's	13/	10/9
260 Pairs Glace Kid Balmorals, welted toecaps, sizes 5's to 10's; Glace Kid Button Boots, medium toes, sizes 5's, 8's, 10's; Glace Kid Lace-ups, pointed and square toes, sizes 5's to 11's; Tan Willow Calf Lace-ups, welted, sizes 5's to 9's; Tan Willow Calf Derby Lace-ups, sizes 5, 6, 8, 9, 10; Box Calf Ditto, welted, sizes 5's to 10's	12/9	11/6
50 Pairs T[illegible] Willow and Glace Lace-ups, Tan Button Boots, sizes 5's to 10's; Patent [illegible] and Button Boots, Bostocks, sizes 6's, 9's, 10's	[illegible]	11/9
250 Pairs Wa[illegible] Kid Boots, no caps, sizes 5's to 10's; Glace Kid Lace-ups, welted, sizes 5's to 10's; Tan Glace Button Boots, sizes 7's, 9's, 10's; Tan Willow Lace-ups and Patent Boots, sizes 9's to 10's	15/6	12/6
26 Pairs Glace Kid Lace-ups, welted, sizes 5, 6, 7, 8, 10	16/6	13/6
110 Pairs Patent Derby Lace-ups, welted; Patent Button Boots, welted; Patent Balmorals, welted, sizes 5's to 9's; Glace Kid Button Boots, sizes 5, 6, 7	17/9	15/6
30 Pairs Bostock's Glace Button Boots, sizes 6's to 10's; Bostock's Glace Lace-ups, sizes 8's	25/	17/6
40 Pairs Box Calf Oxford Shoe, sizes 5's to 11's	13/6	11/9
300 Pairs Men's Strong Tweed Cossacks, pegged soles, sizes 5's to 10's		4/11
500 Pairs Carpet Slippers, fancy design, 2's to 9's		1/5

Guns and Ammunition.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
2 Hollis' D.B.B.L. Hammerless Guns, Anson and Deeley action, Damascus barrels, engine-turned rib, chambered for 2¾ cases each	£14/10/-	£13
2 Hollis' D.B.B.L. Hammerless Guns, Anson and Deeley action, Damascus barrels, engine-turned rib, Greener crossbolt	£11/17/6	£10
1 Osborne D.B.B.L. Gun, steel barrels, Scott patent grip, bar locks, hammers below line of sight, highly engraved, walnut stock	£10	£8/15/
4 Hollis' D.B.B.L. Hammerless Guns, side locks, Greener crossbolt, Damascus barrels, engine-turned rib, walnut stock	£10	£8/10/
1 Remington D.B.B.L. Hammerless Gun, patent grip, Damascus barrels, automatic ejector	£8/10/	£7/7
2 Remington D.B.B.L. Hammerless Guns, Anson and Deeley action, steel barrels, with automatic ejector	£7	£6/2/6
8 Tholet Arms D.B.B.L. Guns, imitation twist barrels, bar locks, doll's head extension, 12 gauge	48/	40/
4 Winchester S.S. Rifles, 25/20 calibre	55/	45/
3 Adams' Martini-action Rifles, English make, highly finished, 450 calibre	55/	40/
30 Continental Rifles, 22 calibre	14/	12/6
7 sets Ideal Reloading Tools, 38 calibre, S. and W. Revolver	7/6	6/6
12 sets Ideal Reloading Tools, 44 calibre, S. and W. Revolver	8/9	7/3
25 sets Eureka Loading Tools, 12 gauge	4/6	4/
2 Leg o' Mutton Gun Cases, solid leather, 32in long	27/	23/6
2 Leather Cartridge Carriers, to hold 200	22/6	21/
1 Leather Cartridge Carrier, to hold 100	16/6	14/6
30 Shot Belts	2/	1/6
4 Rifle Shot Bags	5/6	5/
2 Gross Cleaning Rods, 22 calibre, with gross bristle ends, each	/3	/1
35 B.S.A. Sights	22/6	21/
6900 Winchester Cartridge Shells, 44-cal., per 100	4/	2/9
6400 ditto, 38 cal.	3/6	2/9
2000 E.B. Cartridge Cases, 12-gauge	3/3	2/3
3500 Shotted Caps, No. 2	2/3	1/9
2000 Eley's Rifle Cartridges, 442-cal.	6/6	5/6
350 Nobel's Ballistite Parvo Cartridges, 12-gauge, 8-shot	11/6	9/9
300 Nobel's Ballistite 2½in Field Cartridges, 12-gauge, 8-shot	12/6	11/
500 Nobel's Ballistite 2½in Pigeon Cartridges, 12-gauge, 7-shot	13/	11/3

Moirette Underskirts.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
2 O.S. Moirettes, Selfs, Sky, Navy	13/6	11/6
2 O.S. Moirettes, Selfs, Vieux Rose, Amethyst	14/6	12/6
2 O.S. Moirettes, Selfs, Sky, Navy	15/6	13/6
9 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Tan, Grey, Reseda	14/6	11/6
6 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Mole, Peacock, Brown	19/6	15/6
4 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Mole, Amethyst, Vieux Rose	19/6	15/6
5 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Navy, Pink, Amethyst, Vieux Rose	21/	17/6
3 O.S. Moirettes, Selfs, Sky, Navy, Vieux Rose	21/	17/6
10 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Sky, Navy, Amethyst	24/6	19/6
4 O.S. Moirettes, Selfs, Sky, Navy, Amethyst	28/6	23/6
8 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Navy, Cardinal, Myrtle, Mole	22/6	17/6
9 O.S. Moirettes, Selfs, Sky, Navy, Cardinal, Purple, Mole	25/6	20/
2 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Peacock	22/6	17/6
5 Women's Moirettes, Fancy Stripes, Mole, Amethyst, Myrtle	27/6	21/
2 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Mole, Navy	26/6	21/
3 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Sky, Navy, Pink	29/6	22/6
14 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, White, Purple, Reseda, Brown	29/6	22/6
7 O.S. Moirettes, Selfs, Navy, Myrtle	33/6	26/6
9 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Navy, Cardinal, Royal	31/6	24/6
5 O.S. Moirettes, Selfs, Navy, Cardinal, Brown, Amethyst	36/6	28/6
10 Women's Moirettes Self stripes, Reseda, Wine, Purple, Black	37/6	28/6
7 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Black	38/	28/6
1 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Vieux Rose	27/6	19/6
8 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Sky, Navy, Reseda, Electric, Vieux Rose	30/	21/
2 Women's Moirettes, Selfs, Royal, Terra	32/6	22/6
1 O.S. Moirettes, Fancy stripes	32/6	23/6

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10 Women's, Navy, Brown each	23/6	17/6
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12 Women's Self, Black, Navy	45/	30/

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2 Women's, Brown each	52/6	37/6
2 Women's, Brown, Moss, trimmed Shot Silk	57/6	39/6
1 Women's, Brown, trimmed Shot Silk	62/6	42/

Household Ironmongery.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
Gem Mincing Machines, 28in	4/3	4/
Duplex Bread Graters	2/6	2/
3-prong Long-handle Forks	/6	/4
Potato Presses	/9	/8
Globe Cleaners, for gas or kerosene chimneys	/6	/3
Cash Boxes, lever lock, 10in	9/	7/6
Folding Grater	/2	/1½
Iron Basting Spoons, 18in	/7	/4
Iron Basting Spoons, 20in	/8	/5
Copper Kettles, 4 pint	5/9	3/2
Tin Kettles, 2 pint	/9	/5
Kettle on Stand	6/3	3/6
Kettle on Stand	7/6	6/9
Japanned Cart Lanterns	1/	/11
Pepper Dredgers	/3	/1½
Hair Clippers, American Pattern	3/	2/9
Gold Medal Metal Polish, ½ pint	/6	/4
Gold Medal Metal Polish, 1 pint	/10	/8
Potato Peelers	/3	/2
Asbestos Stove Mats	/3	2 for /3
Wood Chair Seats, assorted, with nails	/5	/4
Wood Flour Pails	2/6, 4/	1/3, 3/9
Crown Hand Fluters, suitable for dress makers	5/6	4/9
Box Coffee Mills	2/6	2/
Pastry Cutters, set of 3	/6	/4
Kenrick's Potato Mashers, small	2/3	2/
Kenrick's Potato Mashers, large	3/	2/9
Handy Knife Machines	20/	18/
Canary Drinking Fountains	/6	/5
Conical Gravy Strainer	/8	/6
Patty Pans in Frame, Crocodile pattern—9 hole set	/7	/6
Patty Pans in Frame, Crocodile pattern—12 hole	/8	/7
Brass Candlesticks with patent grip	1/3	1/
Patent Steam Cookers, square shape, efficient and economical in fuel	35/	27/6

Copper Saucepans—	2	3	4	6	8 pint.
Usual price	3/3	3/9	5/3	6/	7/3 each.
Reduced to	2/6	3/	3/9	4/	4/6 each.

Copper Stewpans—	3	4	6	8 pint.
Usual price	4/6	5/	5/9	7/ each.
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Ladies' Undervests.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
29 dozen White Ribbed Cotton, button fronts, short sleeves large size	1/6	1/4
25 dozen White Ribbed Cotton, closed fronts, short sleeves, large size	1/9	1/6
33 dozen White Ribbed Cotton, closed fronts, short sleeves, shaped waists, full size	1/7	1/4
large size	1/9	1/6
21 dozen White Ribbed Cotton, closed fronts, shaped waists outsize	1/9	1/6
extra outsize	1/11	1/8
28 dozen Cream Ribbed Cotton, closed fronts, short sleeves outsize	1/8	1/5
extra outsize	1/9	1/6
18 dozen Cream Ribbed Cotton, Mercerised, closed fronts, short sleeves outsize	1/9	1/6
extra outsize	2/	1/9
31 dozen Cream Ribbed Cotton, Mercerised, closed fronts, short sleeves outsize	1/6	1/4
extra outsize	1/9	1/6
15 dozen Cream Ribbed Cotton, Mercerised, closed fronts, short sleeves, large size	2/	1/9
6 dozen White Ribbed Lisle, fancy crochet fronts, large size	2/9	2/3
7 dozen White Ribbed Lisle, V-shape crochet medallion fronts, large size	3/3	2/9
4½ dozen White Ribbed Lisle, V-shape crochet medallion fronts, large size	3/6	2/11
6 dozen Cream Ribbed Mercerised Fancy Crochet Fronts, large size	3/3	2/9
4 dozen Cream Ribbed Mercerised Fancy Crochet Fronts, large size	3/6	2/11
29 dozen White and Natural Ribbed Wool and Cotton, unshrinkable, short sleeves, outsize	1/10	1/8
extra size	2/	1/9

Untrimmed Straw Hats.

	Usual Price.	Reduced to.
128 Sky Crinoline Flop Hats	1/11	1/
22 Fedal Straws, small shapes, Navy, Brown, Sky, Green	2/9	1/11
84 Smart Assorted Shapes, Navy, Brown, Sky, Green	2/6	1/11
36 White Coarse Straw, sailor's	2/11	1/11
60 Cabbage Tree College Hats, white	3/6	1/11
108 Cabbage Tree College Hats, white	2/11	1/11
12 Cabbage Tree College Hats, white	3/6	1/11
31 Cabbage Tree College Hats, white	2/6	1/6
84 Green Fedal College Hats	2/6	1/11
48 Coarse Straw Toques, Navy and Green	1/6	1/
18 Large Shapes, Brilliant Straws, Assorted Colours	6/11	5/11
24 Brilliant Straws, Navy, Green, Prune, Brown	4/11	3/6
13 Brilliant Straws, large shape, turned side, Navy, Brown, Green	3/9	2/11
24 Brilliant Straws, Brown, Rose, Prune, Navy	4/6	2/11
189 Coarse Straw Flops, for girls, Burnt, Navy, Brown	2/11	2/3
15 dozen Assorted New Shapes, Black Hats and Toques	4/6	2/11

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FARM AND STATION.

THE WOOL INDUSTRY.

Anniversary Day is certainly an opportune time to reflect upon the growth of what is, beyond dispute, our greatest industry. The statistics issued by the Government Statistician, Mr. Trivett, as an instalment of the Year Book, 1909-10, pictures the steady increase in our flocks and wool production since calamitous 1902. The figures illustrate what a great achievement the building of our sheep and wool industry has been. Much of this was obtained by unrivalled natural advantages, such as are not met with in equal degree in other parts, but they would have been of little avail if the sheepbreeders, from the first, had not taken the opportunity to utilise these advantages to the best of purposes. Others that came after only improved on the methods of breeding adopted by Macarthur, the father of the merino wool industry of Australasia. Improvement was also slow, as the impurities in the earliest importations had to be eradicated, and much of the country on which the merino was introduced was unsuitable for it. Then the question of the best types for different classes of country had also to be found out. But once these questions were satisfactorily answered, the progress of the merino out here was a steadily increasing one, and a little over a century after its introduction the acme of perfection was reached. No other country where the merino is bred can make a similar claim. As skilled breeders of this breed Australasia has no superior.

What has always appealed to manufacturers in Australian wool is that they can obtain every quality, and of a softness, elasticity, and spinning character unequalled by any other merino wool. They have learned that in dry seasons some of these characteristics may be wanting, but this temporary check does not change their allegiance one iota. They also know that many of the leading breeders have studied their requirements, and their names or brands are so well known that even if any of these clips show a shortcoming, they will still buy them. This is a great incentive to breeders to continue on the same lines, and to avoid changing the character of their flock, for although manufacturers may know nothing about sheep, they will quickly recognise a departure of a former standard. Yet we have seen great changes in breeding.

Starting with New South Wales, where the industry was founded, we find Macarthur sending some of the Spanish merino wool to England in 1803, and the manufacturers who saw it stating that it was of a superior quality and equal to most of which came from Spain. This stamps it at once as a fine wool, and knowing the character of the country (Parramatta) on which it was bred, it must have been light in yolk, of fair length, and clean. When the country across the mountains was settled upon, first the Bathurst, then the Mudgee (including Cassilis and Merriwa) districts, the character of the wool changed, and so had the type of sheep. By that time sheep from Saxony, Silesia, and Prussia had been introduced. The wool was, as a rule, heavier in yolk and shorter in length, although of fine quality. Then came the settlement on the plains of Riverina. The sheep bred there at first were of a mixed character, western district of Victoria, and Mudgee, but the nature of the country soon altered these types, and introductions from Tasmania, and, in a smaller degree, and long afterwards, of the Rambouillet, moulded a type which brought about a fame which has ever since stuck to Riverina sheep. The main charcteristics of the wool are good length, splendid combing character, a medium, strong quality, and a gradually increasing density of the staple. A good deal of the latter has been brought about on some of the stations by the introduction of the American merino. Speaking in a general way of the character of the New South Wales wools of to-day, the finest qualities come from New England, Mudgee, Monaro, and the Murray, but only from portions of these centres, the medium qualities from Riverina, Central Districts, and North-West, and the strongest from the Western Division.

In Victoria the first sheep, which came from Tasmania in 1835, were of a mixed character; but here again local conditions, especially in the western district, fixed the type now so well known. For fineness of quality it owes much to introductions from Tasmania and Germany. The Rambouillet did not make its appearance until 1859, but it was sparsely used. The American was also bred for a while, mainly to increase density. Victoria can now claim to produce the highest-priced wool in Australasia. The characteristics of this wool, grown in the western district, are great length and elasticity, light in yolk, and brightness and clearness. It is an ideal wool for the manufacture of fabrics of the best quality, such as dress material, shawls, and worsteds. In the other parts of Victoria the wool is of a mixed character. Tasmania started its wool industry in 1820 with 300 of the Camden Park sheep, and these were followed by introductions from Germany. To James Cox, of Clarendon, the island owes its fame for the high character of its sheep, and wools from there always commanded high prices. Like Victoria, the best sheep became centred in what is known as the Midlands, of which Campbelltown is the chief town. Local conditions were all in favour of fine quality and length of staple, but this was not brought to perfection until the rather coarse native grasses were replaced by English varieties.

South Australia, like Victoria, grows a wool of a distinct type. The first sheep is said to have ben introduced there by the South Australian Land Company in 1836 from Saxony. These sheep were totally unsuitable for the country, and steps were taken to bring over a lot from Tasmania, followed afterwards by some from New South Wales and Victoria. Here, again, we see the country dictating the type of sheep most suitable for it. Unfortunately, the demand for these is confined, although during the past two or three years they are meeting with a better support. The best class is also confined to one portion of the State. The main characteristics of the wool are:—Very great length, quality medium strong to strong, fairly light in yolk, and of medium elasticity. Except in the best studs there is a greater loss in spinning than from the Riverina wools, which approach it nearest, owing to the want of nourishment of the top of the staple. In Queensland the breeding of fine wools is confined to the Darling Downs. The average characteristics of the Downs wool resembles the New England, but in the Western, Central, and Northern divisions of the State the wool approaches that from the central parts of New South Wales, although not of such a profitable character. It is, however, light in yolk, and in a scoured state brings a higher price than that of its neighbour, but the yield per sheep is less. Western Australia has yet to make its name as a wool producer of the same reputation as Tasmania, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia. Its wools, however, bring a fairly good price, although mixed in character. The first sheep introduced there were from Saxony by a Mr. M'Dermott, about 1838.

ITEMS.

Wheat entries for the Royal Easter Show, April 11 to 19, have been extended from January 25 to February 1.

Steps have been taken by the Department of Agriculture to extend, for a further period of three months, the application of quaranting restrictions to tick areas on the Queensland border.

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE ABROAD.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The wheat markets continue in a depressed state, with an average over the whole country of 30s 7d per quarter of 480lb. Australian wheat on passage has changed hands at 35s 9d c.i.f., United Kingdom f.o.; abt 50,000qr, October B/L, from South Australia, have been transferred at this rate.

At the last rubber sale a rather dull tone prevailed, and Para made 5s 11d per lb. against 7s 3½d this time last year. Plantation rubber went from 4s 1d to 6s 9½d.

New Zealand has made a good start with the cheese trade, and the quality this season has given great satisfaction. There is a good demand growing steadily every day. Canadian cheese is a strong market, and altogether the general position of cheese is promising. Rates are:—Canadian, 56s to 59s; New Zealand, 55s to 57s.

At an auction of horns recently Australian horns numbered 673,000, the great bulk of which were sold. Large horns averaged 12 to 14 oz, 49s to 62s, averaging 20 1-8 oz each (without sloughs), 88s per 100. Smaller and common horns were 1s to 2s per 100 cheaper.

Frozen rabbits are not a Christmas trade. But apart from this consideration the business has really been very slack lately. The plague scare has not by any means been removed from the rabbit trade. The difficulty is with the West End shops, which have been in the habit of selling frozen as English, and as the scare is in connection with English rabbits, of course business has come to a standstill. The coster trade has also been stopped. There is no great quantity in cold store. The ex-store price for Sydney's is 15s 3d to 16s for large rabbits; young and small are quite cheap, owing to the lack of demand in the poorer districts, where this sort is taken. Frozen hares are also very slack (the same cause). The Paris demand has fallen off, and good English hares that in an ordinary season are worth 4s to 4s 6d there now only command 2s to 2s 6d each.

THE PASTORAL INDUSTRY.

CASE FOR THE FEDERAL COURT.

EMPLOYEES' CLAIMS AND EMPLOYERS' REPLIES.

The complete reply of the respondent pastoralists to the claims lodged for hearing in the Federal Arbitration Court by the Australian Workers' Union on behalf of the employees in the pastoral industry, has been filed in the court, and particulars are now available. A comparison reveals a wide diversion of opinion by the plaintiffs and respondents as to the value of the employees' services. The claims cover all States of the Commonwealth, except Western Australia, where the parties have arrived at an agreement. In the following summary, the figures given refer to New South Wales; generally speaking the rates claimed and offered are similar throughout the States, except that it is recognised that for various station occupations a higher rate is allowable in Queensland, while for shearing and shed work the pastoralists claim to pay lower rates for Victoria and parts of South Australia. Although the A.W.U. has filed claims on behalf of its members in Tasmani, the respondents have not replied on behalf of the pastoralists in that State. The A.W.U. will commence its annual conference in Sydney this week, and probably an attempt will be made to arrange a conference with representatives of the pastoralists, with a view to the elimination of points of dispute in many of the minor items involved, but it is inevitable that on the main questions the Court will be appealed to, and probably the case will be listed for hearing late in February or early in March.

For shearing flock wethers, ewes, or lambs the present award rate is 24s per 100. In the new award the A.W.U. claims to have inserted the rate of 25s per 100, without rations, to apply to all States. (That rate has been agreed to in W.A.). No distinction in rate is claimed as between shearing with hand shears or with machines. The pastoralists offer 20s per 100 for machine shearing, and 22s 6d per 100 for hand shearing, in all States except Victoria, where 18s 6d is offered for both hand and machine shearing. In addition, the shearers claim an allowance of 3d per 100 for combs and cutters in machine sheds. This allowance is not disputed, but is covered by the lower rate for machine shearing which the employers seek to have established. Double rates are claimed for rams over six months old, but the pastoralists wish to fix the age at nine months before the double rate shall operate. For shearing stud ewes, 6s per 100 above the amount paid for flock sheep is claimed, and 5s is offered. For special stud sheep the A.W.U. claims a minimum wage of 15s per day, with rations and requisites; the pastoralists offer 10s per day with rations and requisites. For the first time an attempt is to be made to fix a standard price for crutching. The men claim 6s per 100 and found, or 12s 6d per day and found; the offer is 4s per 100 or 7s per day. Where the men find themselves the rate claimed is 7s per 100, the rate offered 5s. Regarding the "wet sheep" trouble, the A.W.U. seeks to have inserted a clause to the effect that shearing shall cease should a majority of shearers decide by ballot that the sheep are "wet;" but should the majority decide "dry," any shearer may leave the board if he believes his health would be injuriously affected, on reporting his reasons to the persons in charge of the shed. The pastoralists wish the clause to be amended by providing that "whether sheep are wet or not shall be determined by a wet wool determinator prescribed by the award;" further, "that no employer shall be compelled to pen wet sheep."

The rates for N.S.W. shed hands in the present award are 30s per week for woolrollers, piece-pickers, and penners-up; all other hands over 18 years 27s 6d per week; boys under 18, 20s per week. The A.W.U. now claims £2 per week and found for all sections, irrespective of age. The pastoralists offer 30s per week for woolrollers, piece-pickers, and penners-up; all other shed hands over 18 27s 6d; boys under 18, 20s per week. It is also claimed by the employers that a rate per day shall be optional, and that the rate shall be 6s per day, except for boys under 18, whose rate shall be 4s. The A.W.U. seeks to establish the principle that at least one shed hand shall be employed to each shearer; this claim is disputed. It is also sought to have the shed hands paid full time from the date fixed for starting, unless the employer is prevented from starting by any unavoidable causes; this also is disputed. The pastoralists claim that shed hands shall not be paid for holidays, or for days on which the employees are absent from work through sickness or other cause.

The cooks' rate at present is 4s per man per week. The employers' dispute the union's claim that in future, where over 10 men are employed, the rate shall be 5s per man per week, with 1s per man extra for those who have meals at a separate table, and offer 3s per man per week except for the West Darling district, where the rate offered is 4s; the weekly rate, paid usually where less than 10 men are employed, is now 35s; the A.W.U. claims £2 10s, and the employers offer 30s, except for the West Darling district, where they offer 35s. The A.W.U. claims that the cook and his assistants shall be provided with hut accommodation separate from other employees; this claim is disputed.

Both parties require that the present woolpressing rates shall be entirely rearranged. Pressing is now paid for on a sliding scale, according to the number of shearers employed, three sets of rates being in operation—those for sheds with 10 shearers and under, over 10 and under 20, and over 20. The highest rates are paid in the smallest sheds, and vice-versa. The A.W.U. desires this sliding scale abolished, and a uniform rate established, as follows, which is an increase on all existing rates:—With Ferrier and rack and pinion presses (all other presses 1d per cwt. extra): Greasy wool, by hand, 7d per cwt., or 1s 11d per bale; including dumping, 9d per cwt., or 2s 5d per bale; by power, 5d per cwt., or 1s 4d per bale; including dumping, 6½d per cwt., or 1s 9d per bale. Washed wool, by hand, 10d per cwt., or 2s 6d per bale; including dumping, 1s 1d per cwt., or 3s 1d per bale; by power, 7½ per cwt., or 1s 10d per bale; including dumping, 9d per cwt., or 2s 3d per bale. Payment to be made on gross weight. Weighing and branding to be paid for at 3d per bale extra, and stacking to be paid for at an extra rate by arrangement. All foregoing rates are without cook and rations. Where under 10 shearers are employed, the pressers' weekly rate to be £2 10s and found. The employers, on the other hand, desire the differential rate system to be retained. They may require the pressing, weighing, branding, and stacking to be paid for at an inclusive rate, but offer an alternative series of rates for pressing only. They also claim the right to fix the working hours of pressers. The rates offered for pressing only are considerably below those claimed, and are below the present award rates. For instance, in sheds with 10 shearers and under (the highest rate), the price offered, greasy wool, is 5d per cwt., or 1s 5d per bale, handpressing; 3½d per cwt., or 11d per bale by power. An advance is admitted on these rates for those sheds in the West Darling district where the Adelaide box-press is used, which presses to 18 cubic feet or less in one process. The weekly rate offered is 30s per week and found.

The claims for engine-drivers, shearing machinery experts, and grinders, have not previously been dealt with between the pastoralists and the employees, and no standard rates prevail. It is interesting to note that the A.W.U. claim on behalf of experts is being opposed by a section of experts who recently formed a union separate from the A.W.U., and drew up claims of their own. These claims are higher even than the rates which the A.W.U. has lodged with the Court. The A.W.U. requires that engine-drivers shall be certificated men in the States where boards are appointed for examining engine-drivers, and that the rate shall be £3 per week and found; the pastoralists offer £2 for steam engine-drivers, no engine-driver to be required for oil engines. The rate claimed for grinders is £3 per week and found for up to 30 machines; £3 15s for over that number; the rates offered are 35s and 40s respectively. Experts who do that work only are rated at £4 per week for 20 to 30 men, 2s per machine extra over that number, with a maximum of £7 per week; the offer is £3 5s per week for 20 to 30 machines, and £3 15s for over 30. In many sheds the experts combine experting with engine-driving and grinding. The A.W.U. seeks to restrict this triple-duty position to sheds having under 10 machines, and claims £4 per week for under five, and £4 10s for over five and under 10; the employers offer £2 10s for five machines and under, £3 for six to 10 machines; and £3 10s for over 10. For experting and grinding the A.W.U. claims £4 per week for 10 to 30 machines, and 2s per machine extra for over 30 machines; the offer is £3 5s for 10 to 20 machines, and £3 15s for over 20 machines. The A.W.U. does not make any claim for shearers doing experting work; but the employers provide that in such cases 30s per week and found shall be paid in addition to the award rates for shearing. The employers require, in their statement of claim, that an expert shall not be allowed to become or remain a trade-unionist while in the pastoralists' employ without the written permission of the employer.

For woolscour hands in New South Wales the A.W.U. claims £2 per week for green hands and general labourers, and £2 10s for box and tank men, drying machine men, and barrow and fugal men. The pastoralists offer 25s per week all round for a 48-hour week, with 10d per hour overtime.

On the claim by the A.W.U. for the station employees, the pastoralists claim that the Court has no jurisdiction, but in case the Court decides that it will deal with the claim, the pastoralists have forwarded a scale of rates which they consider equitable for the various classes of labour. The A.W.U. claims that boundary-riders and other unspecified general station hands, shall be paid 30s per week and found; drillers, £3 per week; and other well bore-men, 35s; that bullock-drivers, rabbit-poisoners, pick and shovel men, stockmen, and gardeners, shall be paid 35s per week; that musterers, horse, camel, mule, and donkey drivers, blacksmiths, handy tradesmen, and sheep-drovers employed on stations, and permanent cooks, shall be paid 40s per week; and that married couples (both employed), shall be paid £100 per year. The station owners reply with an offer of a minimum of 20s per week and found for boundary-riders, musterers, rabbiters, stockmen, sheep and cattle drovers (ordinary hands on station), and gardeners. They offer 25s per week to horse, bullock, camel, mule, and donkey drivers, pick and shovel men, rough carpenters, blacksmiths, handy men, permanent cooks, and men on well bores other than drillers; they offer 40s to drillers, and 30s to permanent engine-drivers; £70 per year to married couples (both employed); all other station hands over 18, 20s per week; boys under 18, 10s to 15s per week, according to age. The station owners further submit that jackeroos, aborigines, and members of employers' families should be exempted from any award, payment to be made as mutually agreed upon.

On the miscellaneous claims, the pastoralists object to the claims for preference to unionists, the suggested ration list, and the required provision of a lumber room, for shearers' and shed hands' harness, saddles, and bicycles.

[The] [re]plies been furnished in these claims and replies, the most complete and comprehensive case that has yet been listed, embracing as they do almost every occupation in the pastoral industry called into operation from the growing of the wool to its delivery in the railway trucks.

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FROZEN MEAT.

HANDLING IN ENGLAND.

AN OFFICIAL REPORT.

In connection with the manner in which meat exported to England is handled in that country at the receiving port, which has recently attracted some attention, our London correspondent forwards a report made to the Incorporated Society of Meat Importers by Captain T. R. Mowat, surveyor. The report is as follows:—

Vessels carrying meat from New Zealand invariably discharge their cargoes in the Victoria and Albert Docks, those from Australia also discharge in these docks, and some lines in the Tilbury Docks. Dealing with the Victoria and Albert Docks, frozen meat which is intended for storage in the dock stores is conveyed from the ship's side to the store in the Dock Company's insulated vans; the vans proceed near to where the ship discharges.

In the Albert Docks, the meat is passed direct from the ship into the van, and in the Victoria Dock wheeled on hand trucks from the ship's side to the railway van, a distance of a few yards. As soon as three or four vans have been filled up an engine brings them along to the store.

If goods are intended for storage in the up-town warehouses, they are almost invariably conveyed there by barges. In some instances they are conveyed direct by closed vans.

The manner in which the meat is worked out of the vessel is, that either the meat is hoisted up into slings containing perhaps from 40 to 50 carcasses, or lowered direct into craft, or landed on the quay, or they are lifted by an elevator to the ship's deck, and subsequently slid down a shute to a staging alongside, from whence they are placed on trucks, and wheeled to the various barges alongside the quay, according to the marks.

In discharging, as soon as a level is made in the square of the hatchway, straw is placed over that place, and with some ships, in addition to the straw, there is placed a large canvas sheet, on which thin boards are laid for the men to walk on. In other ships, straw only is used, with a wooden table-top placed in the square of the hatch. This spot, viz., the square of the hatch, is the place where the most protection to the meat is required, as it is here that all the carcases from the other parts of the hold are brought, and put into slings or elevators as the case may be.

Consequently, at this point, there is the greatest likelihood of damage to the meat, and hence greater protection required. The men employed in the holds have sacking wound round their boots and legs, which serves the double purpose of keeping the meat clean and the men's legs and feet warm; the fact that it acts in the latter capacity is a sufficient guarantee that the men, in their own interests, will not work in the hold without that protection.

As the work proceeds, it is necessary of course for men to walk on some of the cloth-covered carcases, but as far as possible this is avoided by having small shutes in the hold, whereby the carcases can be slid from their stowage to the hatchway to be put in slings, etc, and this avoids the continual walking over them which would otherwise occur.

When the carcases are landed on the quay in slings, straw is spread over that part where they are landed.

The regular lines from New Zealand and Australia are all fitted with tent-shaped awnings, which are erected over the hatchway, so as to protect the carcases stowed immediately under the hatch from the sun and rain, and there are two New Zealand companies who, in addition to that, spread awnings over the quay or over the barges, so as to further protect the meat, after leaving the ship's slings, from exposure to the sun's rays. So long as the weather keeps dry, everything seems to keep in good order, but when the weather becomes showery it is more difficult to protect these carcases from damage than it is in dry weather.

Vessels from Australia and New Zealand load their meat at various ports from many shippers at each port, with the result that all the various marks get intermingled in the stowage, and these shipments are further subdivided by being sold in various parcels to many buyers, each buyer having the right to store his purchase at whichever store he chooses to select. The result of this is, that when the meat is unloaded, each purchase has to be delivered to the particular conveyance sent there on behalf of the various purchasers.

Owing to the number and the intermingling of marks in the stowage in the vessel, deliveries can generally be made only piecemeal, and it is at this point that most of the damage arises.

Railway and other vans used for the conveyance of meat are insulated. They can carry from 150 to 250 carcases, according to the size. When used, they are placed as near to the discharging vessel as circumstances permit, and if there is no delay waiting for marks during the loading up, they deliver their meat at the store in hard, frozen condition.

Most of the meat is unloaded into barges. All of the barges formerly employed for the conveyance of meat were constructed of wood, but within the last few years iron barges have been insulated for this purpose, and have given every satisfaction, with the result that bargeowners prefer in future to substitute iron for wood as circumstances arise. The wooden barges are insulated under the deck and down to below the water line. The hatches are all insulated, and these hatches are covered with tarpaulin blankets. The barges are periodically painted out or whitewashed.

The iron barges, of course, are insulated right down the whole depth of the side, which insulation is of much more substantial character than that required for wooden barges. The great thickness of wood used in the construction of wooden barges is, in itself, a fairly good insulation. These barges can carry from 1000 to 2500 carcases, according to their size, and the meat is simply kept hard through the cold existing in the carcases when delivered from the ship. When a barge can be loaded up quickly without any delay waiting for marks, the carcases can be kept hard for a long period of time; but where only small quantities can be delivered at different intervals of time, there is not sufficient volume of cold air in the few that may put on board the barge to keep them sufficiently hard (when the discharge takes place in the summer months), with the result that they become soft. It also frequently happens that barges have to proceed to destination only partially laden, owing to the difficulty in finding the proper marks; this delay caused by the difficulty of finding marks is undoubtedly the most fertile source of damage experienced in the trade.

With regard to the efficiency of the insulation of the barges, I have, on more than one occasion, tested the efficiency by thermometers; that is to say, I have placed thermometers in various parts of the craft before and during loading and watched and taken temperatures at times of discharge at up river store, and I have found that with an atmospheric temperature of 75 degrees Fahr. the meat has been landed in perfect order at its destination; the temperature not having risen beyond 36 degrees on the top tier down to 19 degrees in the lower tiers. At the time of these experiments there had been no delay in loading the craft.

The weak spot is always at the top, which is, of course, exposed to atmospheric influence during the whole time of loading, and to counteract the effect of higher temperature there, I suggested some years ago to all lightermen that it would be an advantage if in loading a barge, the top tier was stowed with the back upwards; this gives the thick part of the meat the most exposed position, which would be more able to resist the warm air than the thin flank.

I have been on board insulated barges on hundreds of occasions, and in all my experience never saw any cockroaches, fungus, dirt, or anything otherwise objectionable on any of them.

Bilge water is present in all barges, whether insulated or uninsulated, and I do not suppose there is a barge or ship afloat, either in this or in any other country, which does not have bilge water in the limbers. The fact of its presence in the limbers of barges carrying frozen meat in no way prejudices the meat.

As the bargeowner is responsible for the safe carriage of meat, in so far as the seaworthiness of his vessel is concerned, he would be made responsible for any damage arising through the causes stated; consequently, in his own interests, he would take care that water never accumulated to the extent of wetting the meat in the craft.

The distance from Gallion's entrance of the Royal Albert Dock is under 10 miles, and from Victoria Dock entrance 7 miles. Barges leave the dock as soon as the tidal gates are opened, and are towed up the river by steam tugs from the docks to the cold stores on the flood tide; the time occupied in making the journey from Victoria or Albert docks is about two hours.

ILLAWARRA DAIRY CATTLE.

Mr. John J Kinross, hon. tester and recorder, has sent to the secretary the following list of cows that have passed for the I.D.C.A. Herdbook, subject to examiner's certificates and other details that go to qualify for entry therein. Records and test as supplied by Mr. J. J. Kinross—

Owner's name.	Cow's name.	Butter per week.	Remarks.
H. Colley	Lovely	13.79lb	
H. Colley	Venus	16.43lb	
Graham Bros.	Flower II.	17.56lb	
H. Dudgeon	Lovely	19.10lb	2nd test this year.
H. Dudgeon	Tulip	17.46lb	
H. Dudgeon	Daisy	16.72lb	
H. Dudgeon	Violet	15.02lb	6 teeth.
E. J. Marks	Barmaid	14.08lb	6 teeth.
E. J. Marks	Success	18.00lb	6 teeth.
E. J. Marks	Milkmaid	18.20lb	6 teeth.
E. J. Marks	Dolly	12.46lb	4th test this season.
George Grey	Empress	13.73lb	
Bailey Bros.	Lelack	12.95lb	
Bailey Bros.	Janet	19.45lb	4 teeth.

The splendid season with which the Illawarra district has been blessed accounts no doubt for the fine returns which have been obtained from these cattle.

AUSTRALIAN WINES.

ENGLISH JUDGES' REPORT.

The following report upon the colonial wines and brandies exhibited at the Brewers' exhibition, London, has been made by the jurors:—

The samples were judged under the same conditions as in previous years, without any knowledge of the exhibitor, and were from the stocks bottled in the country of origin, and from bulk wines shipped to the United Kingdom. The wines generally are considered to be of very satisfactory quality, showing marked improvement in condition as compared with previous exhibits, and it is evident that the growers and merchants understand better the class of wines most suitable for the requirements of this country, but we are still of opinion that the muscatel character is little appreciated by British consumers.

In class A (white wines, light hock type), we found some very good specimens, but the wines were not uniform, and some did not at all answer the description given.

Class B and C (claret and Burgundy types). There were some excellent wines of good quality and style, each year's exhibits becoming more pleasing to the European palate.

The rich and sweet wines we considered good of their kind, and one wine especially was of marked merit. There is, however, not much demand for this type of wine, but we again repeat that in class E and F wines of the muscatel character are little appreciated by British consumers.

The sparkling wines are still showing a marked improvement, but at present are not equal to those shipped by our Continental friends.

We are of opinion that the wines bottled in this country are of a very satisfactory character, and give a fair indication of general requirements. The jury would, however, have liked to have seen more entries in this class.

The samples of brandy were few but satisfactory.

Although the number of exhibits were equal to last year's, it is noted with regret that there were not more shippers represented, specially from Victoria and Western Australia, as we consider that this exhibition serves a good and useful purpose in aiding the further development of this important industry.

THE RABBIT TRADE.

"G. B." writes, stating that the exposure of the attempt to corner the freezing space in the rabbit trade will be appreciated by fully 20,000 people engaged in the business. He strongly supports the establishment of freezing works in the country by the Government, which, he states, is what has long been agitated for in the country by both the trapper and the landowner. He also advocates an inquiry into the trade by Royal Commission, and denies the truth of the reports circulated by the "middlemen" as to the big money made by trappers, who do not, owing to broken time and low prices, make more than an ordinary wage. The object is to flood the market, and he says the trapper is lucky if he gets 4d a pair during the summer, while the middlemen get 16d or 17d.

WHEAT CROP.

BLAYNEY.—Rain is rapidly making a hash of any hay now standing in the paddocks, which does not, owing to local storms of almost daily occurrence, get a chance to dry sufficiently to allow of stacking. It is feared that a large quantity will be damaged. The Government plots on Heavener's farm, of which all the oats were cut for hay, yielding fine returns, have suffered little, so far as the wheat is concerned, through the impossibility to harvest. About one-half of the wheat is still unstripped. What has been stripped has given very good returns, though a quantity was lost through being a little over-ripe when harvested. The grain is a fine sample, but a trifle bleached. Of the plots stripped, Cleveland gives the finest return, but none are bad. The experiments show excellent results in both hay and grain.

PRICKLY PEAR.

With reference to the experiment in the destruction of prickly pear conducted by Messrs. Mulheron and Constantine, at Botany, recently mentioned in the "Herald," the patch treated has now completely rotted away, the bulbs being attacked by a maggot. As there was some doubt as to the variety treated being identical with the common at Scone, a specimen was submitted to Mr. Maiden, Government Botanist, who stated it was the same variety.

FARMERS' MEETINGS.

BEGA.—Mr. A. L. Manning, of Warraguburra estate, occupied the chair at the adjourned meeting of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, held in the School of Arts on Wednesday afternoon, when the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. Charles Parbery, of Yarranung estate; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. W. Wren (Tarraganda estate) and C. Stiles (Kanoona estate); treasurer, Mr. James Cochrane; honorary secretary, Mr. Roderick Henderson; committee, Messrs. William Hanscombe, A. A. Wren, John Koellner, Benjamin Gowing, Frank Ritchie, John M'Gregor, Wesley Ramsey, Thomas Underhill, William Britten, Phillip Rosenthal, C. Sproats, C. A. Otton, Thomas Cochrane, J. T. Rogers. The meeting was very enthusiastic. Sixty members were enrolled. The annual membership fee was fixed at 7s 6d.

DAIRYING.

DENMAN.—The cream supply at the Denman Co-operative Dairy Company, Limited, is still increasing. Last week the company made a record output, the quantity of butter amounting to a little over 11½ tons. The number of suppliers is 156.

PAMBULA.—For the month of December the Towamba Dairy Company manufactured 11,136 lb butter, which realised £461 9s 2d. After deducting £78 13s 2d, the cost of manufacture, suppliers were paid net cheques amounting to £382 16s.

STROUD.—The Gloucester District Co-operative Butter Factory manufactured during December 42,000lb butter. Suppliers were paid for superfine 10d, A1 9½d, second-class 9d.

WEST MAITLAND.—A successful sale of dairy stock was held on Tuesday at Eglington estate, Cessnock district. Jersey cows realised £4/10/ to £8, others to £7/12/6; heifers, £3/5/ to £5, steers, £1/6/ to £2/13/; poddies, 10/6.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

FOREST REEFS.—Last week one inch of rain fell. The weather is now fine for completing harvesting. Much of the hay about Spring Hill, Spring Terrace, Sunnyside, Tallwood, and Long Swamp has gone black, owing to the rain, and stacks have been tested where not thatched, holders deeming it advisable to sell because of the continued rain.

LOCHINVAR.—This district could not look better. The grass paddocks are like meadows, and the vegetation has grown wild on the farms. Vignerons say the grape crop will be a failure in consequence of too much moisture, but, as those engaged in the vine culture in this district have other avenues of revenue either in dairying or agriculture, the loss of the grapes will be minimised by the great increase in other products. This is the advantage of mixed farming.

QUEANBEYAN.—The country throughout the district looks splendid, and the present prospects, from a pastoral point of view, are excellent. Stock of all kinds are doing splendidly, and up to the present the month of January has been one of the moistest we have had for many years. Lake George has an area of several miles of water.

WINGHAM.—Mr. J. G. R. Bryant delivered a lecture at Wingham on Saturday night under the auspices of the department, dealing with fruit culture, diseases in orchards and how to cope with them. Owing to the wet weather the attendance was small. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides.

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BIRTHS.

CONROY.—January 22, 1911, at The Albany, Macquarie-street, to Mrs. J. M. Conroy—a daughter.
HOLCOMBE.—January 21, at No. 1 Belmore West Esplanade, Manly, the wife of Vernon Holcombe, Widgee—a son.
HUDSON.—January 16, at the rectory, Hurstville, the wife of the Rev. Dixon Hudson—a daughter.
WENTWORTH.—January 23, at Mowbray, Rose Bay, the wife of William Charles Wentworth, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BRODIE—ABBOTT.—January 11, 1911, at St. Matthias' Church, Paddington, by the Rev. G. S. Fielding, William Henry, sixth son of the late Peter Brodie, Glenalvon, Murrurundi, to Melanie Mary Lord, youngest daughter of the late H. [illegible], of Sydney, formerly of Brisbane.
CAMPBELL—PUNCH.—December 14, 1910, at St. Mary's Cathedral, by the Rev. Monsignor O'Haran, assisted by the Rev. J. Rohan, Clarence H. Campbell, of Manly, to Kattie, only daughter of the late M. P. Punch, Brighton, Victoria.

SILVER WEDDINGS.

DAWSON—PETITT.—January 26, 1886, at St. Nicholas' Church, Penrith, by special license, by the late Rev. Dean Mahony, Mary Frances, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Braidwood, to Frederick Joseph, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Petitt, of Luddenham.

DEATHS.

BROMLEY.—January 25, 1911, at her residence, 226 Liverpool-street, city, Ann, relict of the late William Bromley, aged 78 years. A resident for over 50 years. R.I.P.
CRUIKSHANK.—January 25, 1911, at his residence, Stawell, St. Paul's-street, Randwick, William Cruikshank, aged 68 years. Victorian papers please copy.
HANLIN.—January 25, at her residence, 5 Bourke-street, Redfern, Ellen, relict of the late Thomas Henry Hanlin, aged 69 years. R.I.P.
PREDDEY.—At San Francisco, John Thomas, third son of the late George Preddey, senior, of Bisborough, Bexley. Inserted by his sister, A. Milsop.
RYAN.—January 25, at Sydney Hospital, Harriett, dearly loved wife of William Ryan, aged 38 years.
SEYMOUR.—January 25, 1911, at his late residence, Pithsden, 43 High-street, North Sydney, James, the beloved husband of Annie Seymour, aged 68 years (late of Messrs. Farmer and Co.).
WORK.—January 21, 1911, on board s.s. Moana, near Brisbane, Charlotte, wife of J. L. Work, dentist, Enmore. Deeply regretted.

IN MEMORIAM.

ASHTON.—In sad but loving memory of our darling son and brother, Jimmy, who departed this life on January 26, 1905. Inserted by his loving father and mother, sisters, and brothers.
BRISBANE.—In sad but loving memory of my dearly-loved wife and our mother, Eliza Brisbane, who departed this life on January 26, 1909. At rest. Inserted by her loving husband and family, of Arncliffe.
CLANCY.—In fond and loving remembrance of our dear mother, Margaret Clancy, who departed this life January 26, 1902, aged 45 years. R.I.P. Inserted by her loving sons and daughters.
CONLON.—In sad but loving memory of our dearly loved son and brother, Arthur Nathaniel (Stoney) Conlon, who was accidentally drowned at Sans Souci, January 26, 1902. Dearly loved and sadly missed. Inserted by his loving father, mother, sisters, and brothers, and his little son, Paddy.
CONLON.—In sad and ever loving memory of my dear father and our dear son-in-law, Arthur (Stoney) Conlon, drowned Sans Souci, January 26, 1902. Dead, but not forgotten by his son Paddy, and Mr. and Mrs. P. M'Cabe and family.
CONLON.—A tribute of everlasting remembrance of my dear comrade, Arthur (Stoney) Conlon, who was accidentally drowned at Sans Souci on January 26, 1902. Inserted by his friend, L. Sparks.
CRONSHAW.—In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Mrs. A. Cronshaw, who departed this life January 26, 1910. Inserted by Mrs. and Miss Barnes, also Mr. and Mrs. Donnan.
DALE.—In loving memory of Ollie (aged 20 years), only daughter of George and Emma Dale, of Redfern. Loved by all who knew her. Inserted by her loving friends, Els, Lean, and Ted Stafford (Scone).
DRURY.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth Drury, who fell asleep January 26, 1910.
Our dear mother has gone to the home of the blest,
Away from all sorrow and pain,
And some day we hope, in the sweet land of rest,
To meet our dear mother again.
Inserted by her loving son and daughters, Alex., Sarah, and Janet.
EYLES.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Margaret Alice, who departed this life on January 26, 1906, aged 17 years.
There are no eyes whose light has ne'er been blinded,
By silent tears of pity or of pain;
There is no heart that has not been reminded
By some chance word, of what comes not again.
Inserted by her loving father, mother, and sister.
EYLES.—In memory of Maggie Eyles, who departed this life January 26, 1906. Inserted by her loving brother and sister-in-law, George and Florrie Eyles.
GOLDSBROUGH.—In loving memory of my darling baby, Florence Laura Violet Constance Nelson Goldsbrough, who departed this life at her grandmother's residence, Drummoyne, the 26th of January, 1909, aged 11 months and 3 weeks. Never forgotten by her loving mother and brother, Florence and Norman.
GOLDSBROUGH.—In sad but loving remembrance of our only little granddaughter, Violet, who departed this life January 26, 1909, aged 11 months and 3 weeks. Inserted by her loving grandparents, F. and H. Wood.
It is two sad years ago to-day
Since our dear Violet was called away.
The trial was hard, the shock severe,
To part with one we loved so dear.
A bud in heaven.
HARRISON.—In loving memory of our beloved son, Edward, who departed this life January 26, 1909, aged 5 months. Inserted by his loving parents and brother, H. and E. and C. J. W. Harrison, and uncle E. Dempsey.
KANE.—In fond and loving memory of my dear brother, Frank Vincent, who was accidentally killed on January 26, 1909. Inserted by his loving brother, Bert Kane. Gone, but not forgotten.
KANE.—In sad and everlasting remembrance of my dear brother, Francis Kane, who departed this life January 26th, 1910, at Narrabri Hospital. Inserted by his and sister, B. East.
KANE.—A tribute of lasting memory to my dear brother Francis Vincent, who was killed at Narrabri January 26th, 1910, aged 24. R.I.P. Inserted by his fond sister and brother-in-law, M. and I. Wonson, Riverstone.
KANE.—In sad remembrance of my dear brother Frank, who departed this life 26th January, 1910.
Eternal rest give him, O Lord.
And let the perpetual light shine upon him.
Inserted by his fond sister, Mrs. T. C. Trautwein.
KIERNAN.—In loving memory of our beloved mother and grandmother, Julia Ellen Kiernan, who departed this life January 26, 1900, at Unanderra, late of Wollongong. Inserted by her daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and John Johnston, granddaughter Crissy.
M'CALLUM.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Malcolm M'Callum, who departed this life on January 26, 1905, through injuries accidentally received at Central Wharf.
When days are dark, and friends are few;
Dear father, how we long for you.
Six years have passed, our hearts still sore;
As years roll on we miss you more.
Inserted by his ever-loving wife and children, Nell, Jeannie, Effie, James, Ronald, and Maggie.
MEDLICOTT.—In loving memory of my dear husband and my dear father, Thomas Medlicott, who departed this life January 26, 1902, aged 58 years. Sadly missed.
As the ivy clings to the oak,
Our memory clings to thee.
Inserted by his loving wife and only daughter, A. and E. Medlicott.
MEDLICOTT.—In ever-loving memory of our dear father, Thomas Medlicott, who departed this life January 26, 1902. Inserted by his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Alice Medlicott.
MEDLICOTT.—In loving memory of our dear father, Thomas Medlicott, who departed this life January 26, 1902. Inserted by F. and A. Medlicott.
MORT.—In memory of our father, Henry George Mort, who died January 26, 1901. Inserted by his children, of Montrose, Innesdale-street, Arncliffe.
PERKINS.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Charles John Perkins, who died January 26, 1909, at Charters Towers. Gone but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Will and Doll.
PHILLIPS.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife, Phippipa Phillips, who departed this life January 26, 1910. Inserted by her husband, John Phillips.
TIGHE.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Edward John Tighe, who died at Petersham January 26, 1890.
WALKER.—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Charles Walker, who departed this life January 26, 1908. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. EVEN desires to return THANKS to his many friends for their kindness and expressions of sympathy in his late bereavement.

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ANNIVERSARY DAY.

There can be few national holidays that have greater warrant of celebration than the natal day of Australia. Other countries, other histories, of necessity; and many another country has had its own days that have separated the past from the future with irrevocable stroke of finality. But no country other than Australia celebrates the day of its actual beginnings. Some nations, with glorious days enough, and well meet for commemoration, are yet so old as to have no tangible contact with the far-off day that was really their first. Others have anniversaries, indeed, but even though they are of national significance, they celebrate stages of evolution from a preceding system. But our Anniversary Day has in mind the hour of our very birth; for before that January day of 1788 when Philip's little craft made haven within these waters, we were not, and it was his coming that sealed us for what we were, and what we might be. There was not, it is true, much hope of us in that hour. The way of our growth was but dimly seen, if seen at all, and that very scattering of us upon the rim of the unknown named us weeds flung from the garden of the world. That manner of our beginning has been held to give us good cause to forget rather than remember Anniversary Day. But that were a poor shirking of a fact that after all is not of us essentially. The man come to happy maturity is not less glad to commemorate his birthday because he was born in a hovel. It was the day, at any rate, that gave him capacity to live and to take the fruits of life. January 26, 1788, similarly, though it laid upon our early years undeservedly sordid conditions, bestowed upon us, nevertheless, the benefaction of British government, the chance to work out our salvation, the certainty of assistance in time of need, and of sympathy always; the spirit, more than all, of that indomitable race who were our forefathers whose courage in adversity, and tenacious grasp of that which they had won, were the very qualities needed by such a country in such circumstances. Those gifts and graces have made of us Australians, and of our country Australia. How well worth remembering, then, their day of bestowal.

It is no small thing either to have, as we have in our 26th of January, at least one great episode of the past to which sometimes we may turn for inspiration. The foundation of Australia was but one more triumphant detail in Britain's long history of triumphs; peaceful triumphs at home, and stormy triumphs abroad. Captain Cook himself was of the breed of the men of his race who had gone before him. Without them, and their bequest of high adventurous courage to those who followed, the breed had been extinct. So we may profitably turn, on occasion, to that dim dawn of Australia, not only to be heartened by its manner of winning through to the light of day, but also for remembrance that if we have but little greatness of tradition of our own, some of that support of pride which is in tradition may fairly be ours, nevertheless, by virtue of those from whom we came. A day of anniversary, too, has another value for us. If half of the joy that is in commemoration has for foundation thought of the past, the other half is assuredly concerned with the effect upon the future of the thing we commemorate. Our Anniversary Day once upon a time had no past; its celebration then could be little more than a prayer for the future. The years have gone by—eventful years, quiet years, years of plenty, years of disaster—and each one of them has come more and more to reflect the past while it illumined the future. To-day we look back from the height of the present upon the path we have trodden, to find ourselves set upon no mean summit. Peaceful days and prosperity are about us. We have grown in stature, the breadth of nationality is upon us, our spread arms are eager for progress. There will be other Anniversary Days, but they cannot all have such a retrospect as this we now celebrate. Australia to-day is happy, and prosperous, and peaceful; it has reason to be thankful that it may still so commemorate its day of birth and all its day of birth has meant to it. But Australia has needs no less than possessions. It is of the true essence of an Anniversary Day celebration that, while she rejoices over what she has, she remembers also that which she lacks.

THE LABOUR CONFERENCE.

The annual conference of labour leagues should this year prove of more than usual interest, both to the faithful and to the unregenerate. It is true that the leagues have hardly yet had time to grow very critical of their party in power; but if rumour does not lie rifts are already appearing in the lute, and the conduct of the Labour politician will come in for severe scrutiny. In an army where every private has a marshal's baton in his pocket life is bound at times to be a somewhat exciting affair, and next to the despised and bloated capitalist labour is apt to turn and rend the Labour member; all the more so if he shows any signs of budding individuality or the shedding of his dearest prejudices in the light of a little commonsense experience. One conundrum to settle will doubtless be the official attitude of Labour toward the referendum, now that no guidance is forthcoming from the State party. Is Labour going to stultify itself by leaving this an open question, or is it going to tell its representatives that they have signally failed to give the lead required? Up to now with Labour in Opposition all sorts of excuses could be found for incapacity and inaction. But now that for a moment there is a career open to the Labour talent explanation does not look quite so easy. It will probably look less easy still a year hence, if the M'Gowen Administration has lasted so long. Labour has a strong belief in the spoils to the victors theory, but unfortunately for itself it has to temper the wind to the shorn lamb, and this seriously complicates the chances of the seven hundred resolutions, or thereabouts, of ever working out into practice.

This extraordinary crop of ideals has ripened suddenly in the summer sun. We notice that land nationalisation is being pushed prominently forward, though of late years it has been discreetly left in the background for fear of terrifying the man on the land. It is interesting to see how keen the leagues are on reduction of members. There is strong demand for the orthodox reduction of the Assembly to fifty-four members, in time for the next Parliament, but the irrepressible Barrier goes one better, and says "reform it altogether"—out of existence. Besides land, the nationalisation of many other trifles is, we learn, to be seriously considered. These range from horse-racing sweeps to registry offices. One league wants the State to make boots as well as bricks; another advocates State jam factories; and a third, disdaining detail, declares for nationalisation of all industries requiring a large amount of capital, from which we gather that the small Labour man in business for himself does not want to be nationalised. What is sauce for the goose is apparently poison to the gander. Another very vexed question is that of rent. It is not impossible that serious attempts will be made to interfere with rental values, both by State competition in the shape of Government townships and by some form of direct legislation. Perhaps nothing would be more popular or more disastrous. There are nearly fifty resolutions dealing with industrial matters, and while many of these draw attention to minor points where remedy is required, many others are absurd. It is, of course, impossible to exclude absurdity from seven hundred resolutions, to say nothing of the absurdity of discussing them at all.

MR. FISHER AND HIS TAX.

The Prime Minister says, in the course of an interview which we publish to-day, that the Federal land tax was passed primarily to provide revenue, and only incidentally to burst up big estates. This is an astonishing pronouncement. Mr. Fisher seems quite to forget all that led up to the return of a Labour majority to the Federal Parliament, and how Labour candidates sent the fiery cross through the country. When the proposal to impose a progressive land tax was first discussed the small landowner was told that it was not aimed at him, but at the large landowner; though Mr. J. C. Watson, at one of the general elections, rather naively admitted that this was for the present. Moreover, if there has been one thing more forcibly impressed upon the memories of the electors than another in this respect, it is the insistence by prominent Labour men that the tax was not intended to produce revenue. It was confessed that, in so far as revenue was obtainable by it, it would fail. But the States have been constantly under the hammer for this very reason. Again and again it was urged upon the Premiers—upon the Liberal Government of New South Wales, as upon other State Governments—that they must apply a progressive land tax. Public opinion was strongly in favour of making the land available wherever it was locked up; and Mr. Wade and his colleagues introduced, if they could not always pass, measures designed to relieve a difficult situation. Victoria attempted to anticipate the Federal land tax by a progressive proposal of her own, but failed because the Government did not tackle the matter with saving common sense. Mr. Murray has since returned to the charge with better success, and has roused the wrath and indignation of the Labour party because he has made exemptions which its members consider unnecessary. Everywhere this taxation policy of the Federal Labour party, before the elections, was announced as a land policy, and argument, criticism, and attack were based in each State upon this assumption.

To be told now that the progressive land tax was primarily designed to produce revenue is to upset every canon of consistency, and to make words meaningless. Mr. Fisher, no doubt, did say in Parliament that he was expecting revenue, and we remember attacking him at the time for his attitude. But to make it appear now, in the terms just reported that revenue is the main object of the measure, sets up an extraordinary situation. Is this authoritative? Does the caucus now take such a view? Will the Labour Conference, incidentally or directly, back up the Prime Minister? If so, we can only suppose that the party has discovered that the tax will do nothing, or very little, of what was prophesied of it. It will, in fact, give Labour a stalemate. Large estates will not be forced into the market at the rate required by the extremists, and meanwhile, so far as the city is concerned, the small householder everywhere is carrying the burden. Rents have been raised, and the worker is shorn of so much of his wages by the stupidity of the very men who have been promising him relief. In passing, we may say that precisely what has happened with the progressive land tax in this respect will fall out in regard to the proposed amendments to the Constitution—if the referendum succeeds. But to meet a serious dilemma the Prime Minister now says that the land tax, which has so crippled his own supporters, was primarily intended to produce revenue. Is not this a perfect sham? Is not the Treasury full to overflowing with the fruit of the new note issue? Has not the Government ampler revenues, through the abolition of the Braddon clause, than it ever hoped or expected to get? To claim a need for revenue from a land tax under such circumstances would be amusing if it were not so outrageous, and we must leave the people of the Commonwealth to study this new development at their leisure.

DAY LABOUR.

The defence of the day labour system by the Minister for Works reminds us very much of the late Mr. O'Sullivan's arguments under similar conditions. When he was assailed the latter would admit the need for honest supervision, and would insist that he was in office to see that honest work was done. It was often quite possible to assent to the theory of day labour as propounded under certain aspects of the case, but invariably the trouble arose over the practical outcome. Mr. Griffith now claims that in all that he undertakes as Minister for Works there will be proper oversight. He also contends that he will always be able to command as good labour as any contractor; and, inferentially, with the two things related there must be a manifest advantage in day labour. Then the Minister proceeds to illustration. It seems that because there has been a heavy land slip on one of the sections of the North Coast line the Works Department will have to pay many thousands of pounds to the contractors to have the earth removed. Had there been day labour under the Minister's initiative and control we are asked to believe that this would have been very largely saved. Borings would have been made to test the ground, and any danger of a slide would have been detected and avoided. So that we come to this position, that when the department lets work on contract it takes risks which are avoided when it has to employ day labour, since it has to make the surveys in any case. The public will at once want to know why this should be so. We are inclined to think also that the engineers who laid out this particular part of the North Coast line will resent the imputation cast upon them. If sufficient care could be taken in one case it should be possible to take it in another, under practically identical conditions; and if care was not taken to see that the country had been properly tested before handing this section over to the contractors, the department ought to know the reason why. We suspect that the engineers responsible will say at once that they took all possible precautions, and that neither the day labour system nor any other would have prevented the accident that has happened.

But our principal concern is with the Minister's confidence in himself and his party. Other people may make blunders in handling day labour, but not Mr. Griffith. His theory is right to begin with, and his practice is to follow. This is all very well as a reply to criticism, but it will not help in the real test. For one thing we cannot imagine a Labour Minister daring to get as much work out of his men as a contractor would. It is the contractor's business to make something out of his enterprise, and he allows neither waste nor slacking. In many cases this is considered to be unfair to the men, and charges of sweating are hurled at him. The Minister, however, has a different ideal. He has the fear of the unions before his eyes; and if he would he dare not demand as much work as a contractor. Mr. Griffith is not a railway engineer working under commissioners freed from political control, but a prominent Labour member bound to the caucus and subject to the Labour Conference. He would soon hear of it if he demanded that his bricklayers should lay a thousand bricks per day, and took steps to weed out all exponents of the Government stroke. This is where the day labour system fails. Unless the control is absolutely freed from Ministerial fiat the danger is lest the cost of the work done mounts up by the very lack of pressure upon it. All our experience as a State in the past has shown that wherever the politician has been in evidence the workman has taken advantage of him. Mr. Griffith may say that he will show how day labour should be employed, and that under him there will be no slacking—no maintenance of gangs composed of men with a "pull," and no waste of material. We shall see. Meanwhile it is enough to know that the Minister is determined to do things on a large scale, and if they go wrong the taxpayer will have something to think about.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

An object lesson for municipal electors is to be found in the muddle at Broken Hill. It would, of course, be absurd to say that such muddling and Labour municipalism are bound to go hand in hand; but the case in its broad features indicates a pretty plainly marked tendency, and it is an ironical comment on the claim of Labour to dominate local government. Determined to muddle until the very last, this precious council decided after solemn debate to suppress Inspector Notting's report—after it had already reached us, and been read with mixed feelings by the thousands of electors who in a few days will decide the fate of municipal politics. There was, of course, nothing whatever to be gained by this attempt at suppression, though it appears to have had the sympathy and assistance of the Minister concerned. At all events, the report in question was for a long time not procurable. Now that everyone can read it all can see that there was no over-statement in the criticisms of Mr. Mander Ross, who had been engaged by the council itself to rescue its finances from chaos. The Government expert characterised the state of affairs as deplorable. Books had not been balanced, all sorts of rates were left outstanding for long periods, there was no register of legal documents—in fact, the report summed the matter up in the phrase "neglect and indifference prove conclusively an utter want of ordinary management." This is quite as strong as Mr. Mander Ross's denunciation. A great deal of mistaken leniency seems to have been shown. Mr. Notting was sent up by the late Minister for Works, Mr. Lee, and it was on his representation that the Minister intervened with a peremptory request to the council to put its affairs in order. The council had no choice but to obey, and making a virtue of necessity it welcomed Mr. Ross and agreed to his conditions.

But what followed? A change of Government took place, and Mr. Lee went out of office. It is a part of the great principle of Labour solidarity to back up the Labour man in a hole wherever the hole may happen to be. Immediately the council was sure of a sympathiser in the Government it began, it seems, to repent of its hasty virtue, and, according to his statement, the accountant soon found that he had no longer a free hand. No one, of course, suggests that the Government was prepared to connive deliberately at the concealment of mismanagement; but the subconscious fact that Labour has to hang together undoubtedly altered the whole outlook, and very materially discounted the chance of effective reform. What Mr. Ross has said might have been much discounted by those who know how easily friction arises between a council and its officers; but such discounting is impossible in the light of Mr. Notting's report. The truth seems to be that the council, with its Labour majority, had long been simply incapable. It obviously did not realise the importance of keeping accounts, and it carried on its business in a most lamentably ineffective way. No doubt it was led into extravagance through its Labour-socialist proclivities, but the main source of its incapacity was doubtless its ignorance of, and indifference to, business methods. That certainly is likely to be a general characteristic of Labour municipalism. We do not wish to hurt the feelings of the unfortunate Broken Hill council, but it has managed to push itself into the lime-light at a very appropriate time, and to give a solemn warning of what may easily happen whenever and wherever Labour becomes top dog in municipalism. Mr. Griffith makes a very lame attempt to defend the council, but it seems he cannot deny the substantial accuracy of the reports that have been made public, and his very halting explanations only make matters worse. We have no doubt that the Government will now see that the provisions of local government legislation are rigidly complied with—but what would have happened had the facts never come out?

The Holiday.—Anniversary Day is to be celebrated to-day by sports gatherings of almost every description and in almost every part of the city. The principal events are the Randwick races, the Druids' gala, the United Protestant demonstration, the Anniversary Regatta, and the interstate cricket match. The Druids' gala is to be held at the Agricultural Grounds, and a splendid programme of sports has been arranged. Prior to the sports the usual procession will take place, starting from the Town Hall. For the Anniversary Regatta, the aquatic event of the year, the P. and O. have granted the use of their 11,000-ton steamer Mantua as the flagship, and she will be moored off Neutral Bay, where the starts and finishes of all the races can be seen. There is a long programme of sailing, rowing, and motor boat racing. Cricket enthusiasts will be provided for at the Sydney Cricket Ground, where the match between New South Wales and Victoria will be commenced. The United Protestant demonstration and picnic will be held at Clontarf, where a sports programme is also provided. There will be a procession in connection with the demonstration in the morning from the Protestant Hall to the wharf at Fort Macquarie. In addition to the events mentioned there are many minor gatherings and harbour excursions, whilst a special time-table of cheap excursions has been arranged on the railways. Matinees will also be given at the various theatres. In political circles to-day is of particular importance from the fact that the annual conference of the Political Labour League will be opened at the Trades Hall.

The Coronation.—There is every reason to believe that New South Wales will be represented at the Coronation by the Premier. Mr. M'Gowen's colleagues have used the argument that acceptance of the invitation is a duty he owes to the State, and they have assured him that during his absence from Sydney his interests, and the interests of the party, will be safe in their hands. Mr. M'Gowen is impressed, too, by the assurance of Mr. Wade that nothing will be done to embarrass the Government while Mr. M'Gowen is away on public duty. The Premier will finally decide the matter this week. Should he go to England the duties of Acting Premier will fall upon Mr. Holman.

State Ministers and Labour Councils.—Ministers and members of the executive of the Sydney Labour Council met in conference at the Treasury last night to discuss industrial proposals which will be embodied in the legislative programme of the Government for next session. There was a free interchange of views as to the lines upon which industrial legislation should proceed. Other conferences will be held as opportunity offers.

Mr. Holman and the Referendum.—Mr. Holman stated last evening that a wrong construction had been placed upon remarks made by him in Melbourne concerning the Federal referendum. He was quite in accord with the Federal Government, so far as the referendum related to effective arbitration, new protection, and the nationalisation of monopolies. These were planks in the Labour platform. So far, however, as the referendum went beyond these planks he was opposed to the Federal proposals, and would advocate their rejection from the public platform. Mr. Holman hopes to have an opportunity of advocating his views before the Labour Conference, which opens to-day, and at an early date he will address his constituents on the referendum, and put the case from his point of view.

Burrinjuck and Barren Jack.—The Minister for Works wishes it to be generally known that it has been decided to adopt the native name, "Burrinjuck," for the large storage works which are now under course of construction on the Upper Murrumbidgee in connection with the Murrumbidgee northern irrigation scheme. Inquiries which he has set on foot disclose that the native name of the locality is "Burrinjuck," and this has gradually become corrupted into "Barren Jack," which has up to the present time been the name adopted for distinguishing these large works. Mr. Griffith considers the adoption of the pure native name to be desirable for the reasons that it is not only more euphonious, but that the corrupted name of "Barren Jack" is apt to convey a bad impression when applied to irrigation works, which in every respect should represent extreme fertility and plenty. In the future the storage works will be known officially as Burrinjuck.

Mr. Griffith's Limestone Quarry.—In connection with his State brickwork's scheme the Minister for Works stated last evening that experts had advised him there was not at present available lime of a sufficiently high grade to make the very best class of sand-lime bricks. Since that advice was tendered him he had had brought under his notice the fact that an immense deposit of pure limestone was available in an easily accessible locality. Samples of this limestone submitted for analysis showed that it contained 94.73 per cent. of carbonate of lime, and it was therefore very much superior to the lime hitherto available. Moreover, there was an enormous quantity of it, and the manufacture of a practically unlimited number of bricks was thus made possible. The deposit was on privately-owned land, but arrangements of an entirely satisfactory nature could be made with the owners. Mr. Griffith declined to indicate the locality where the limestone was found.

The Inexorable Award.—Sometimes the award of the Industrial Court reacts upon the workman in whose interests it is made, because its provisions are inexorable, and the whole machinery of the law has to be put into operation anew before the most common-sense departure may be made. A striking instance of this was mentioned at the Drummoyne Council meeting the other night, when the overseer stated that the employees wished to work overtime in fine weather to make up in a small way for their losses during the past few weeks of rainy weather. The council, as the employer, was willing; the men, as the employees, were most anxious to do the work; the overseer recommended it as a proper step; but the law stepped in. The council, very reluctantly, was compelled to refuse the application, because it was afraid of being dragged before the Industrial Court to answer a summons for a breach of the award. The Mayor, Alderman Henley, urged the men to apply to the Court for permission to make up broken time by working on holidays at the usual rate, or by working overtime on any day, so long as they did not exceed the statutory 48 hours per week.

Leave of Absence on Full Pay.—At the instance of the engineer-in-chief (Mr. J. M. Smail), the Water and Sewerage Board obtained its solicitor's opinion as to whether the board would be liable in regard to an officer granted six months' leave of absence on full pay, but who had either not entered upon the leave or had only completed a portion of it when overtaken by death. Mr. H. S. Williams was of opinion that the board would be liable to pay to the deceased's legal representative the whole or any portion of the six months' pay, as the case might be. As the matter was regarded as of importance, it was decided to obtain counsel's opinion on the subject. Accordingly Mr. J. Garland was applied to, and he has expressed an opinion directly opposite to that of Mr. Williams, stating in effect that all claim ended with the death of the employee. During a discussion which followed at the meeting of the board yesterday it was pointed out that in the Public service the Government had expressed its intention of paying the legal representative of a deceased officer the whole or any balance of pay that might be left owing to the death in the circumstances named. The board, however, decided to adhere to its regulations, and that in cases where leave of absence was granted in future it shall be clearly stipulated to the officer that in the event of his death payment for the unexpired portion of his leave, or for the whole of such leave, if he has not entered upon the enjoyment of it, will not be made to his legal representative.

Up the Yangtze.—That the Chinese are not awakening to the extent that is generally believed by people in Australia is the opinion of Mr. S. L. Patterson, who has recently returned after some years' sojourn in the Flowery Land. Mr. Patterson has had unique opportunities of gauging Chinese popular feeling, owing to his mission taking him off the beaten tracks. There was a very general feeling, he said, among the natives that they were not anxious to adopt Western methods. They wished to be left alone, so that they might follow in the paths of their ancestors. As a matter of fact, they resented any advance towards Westernising. The natives he had met were characteristically quiet and inoffensive, industrious to a degree, and the personification of politeness. Of all "barbarians" they regarded the British with most confidence, and, whilst not exactly respectful of the foreigner, the Chinese regarded him with a feeling akin to fear. It was rather trying, said Mr. Patterson, to be stared at open-mouthed by knots of natives as one walked about the inland towns and villages. Contrary to popular impressions, he is of the opinion that a white woman could walk unattended through these places without fear of harm, so long as she did not interfere or offend local susceptibilities. For two and a half years Mr. Patterson lived at a settlement called Kinkiang, 950 miles up the Yangtze-kiang River. It is claimed to be the only absolutely British concession in China, in so far that it is not shared by other foreigners. The extent of the concession is two acres, and its community numbers about 40 souls.

Manly's Statues.—The statues in the Corso and on the harbour frontage of Manly are to remain. During a municipal meeting on Monday night at Manly the retiring aldermen who were speaking were subjected to a volley of questions regarding the placing of the figures in the main thoroughfare. Alderman Dargan explained that a sub-committee was appointed to select a site for the statues. The sub-committee left it in the hands of the Mayor, and Alderman Bonner decided to have them placed in the Corso. "Personally," said Alderman Dargan, "I do not favour their present position, and never did." (Cheers.) A ratepayer in the crowd interjected, "They ought to be in the cemetery." Alderman Donovan remarked that as far as he was concerned the statues would remain in the Corso. The recent petition to the council to have them removed was couched in very strong language, and he considered that no body of aldermen with any respect would countenance such a document. Mayor Bonner, he added, was a very generous man, and it was the aldermen's duty to stand by him. He defied anyone to remove the statues. "Let them have a try," concluded the speaker, threateningly.

Misguided Philanthropist.—An exceptional case of misdirected effort is referred to by a correspondent from Kyogle. He states that many years ago someone started a chain-letter asking for assistance in "establishing a children's hospital at St. George's, N.S.W." This letter was stopped, but now another has made its appearance. Recipients are asked, "for the love of the cause," to send 10 used stamps to a person in Brisbane, and at the same time to write to three of their friends asking them to do the same. The value of these "10 used stamps" is doubtful. It is probably infinitesimal; but to send them to the person who started the chain the recipient of a letter is asked to spend 8d in postage. This latter sum, if applied in a proper way, would probably build many hospitals if the chain-letter is allowed to continue. The absurdity of the waste and the useless trouble given to the postal officials should, however, be sufficiently striking to prevent the chain-letter from going too far.

A Lesson in Water Conservation.—Those whose fate compels them to rely on our sometimes scanty rainfall for a living might learn much as regards water conservation by taking a walk along Parramatta-road from Johnston-street westwards (writes a correspondent). At first sight it may seem a difficult task to keep water on a grade of about one in twenty, but here the difficulty is solved. By a series of apparently carefully-made hollows in the roadway pools of varying depth form a chain of water far more complete than many western rivers in summer time. The gutters carry off much water in every storm, but the road is so constructed that there is no fear of all the water getting away so quickly—it remains until the heat of the sun and the interference of thoughtless traffic empty the pools, which then have to wait for the watercarts or another storm to fill them again.

A special announcement by Anthony Hordern and Sons, regarding a 20-days' sale, appears elsewhere.

TO-DAY.

Criterion Theatre: "Tom Jones," 1.45, 7.45.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "The Whip," 1.45 and 7.45.
Theatre Royal: "Our Miss Gibbs," 1.45 and 7.45.
Palace Theatre: "The Girl from Rector's," 2, 8.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 2.30, 7.50.
National Amphitheatre: 2.30, 7.45.
Glaciarium: West's Pictures, 2.30, 8.
Lyceum Theatre: Spencer's Theatrescope, 2.30, 8.
Bijou Theatre: Moving Pictures, 2.30, 8.
Zoological Gardens and Aquarium: 9.30 to 5.30.
Colonial Theatre: Moving Pictures, 11 till 11.
Empire Theatre: Pictures and Vaudeville, 2.30, 8.
Fairyland Trip: Upper Lane Cove, Steamers, 10, 2.
Clontarf: Maori Village: 10 to 10.
Olympia Theatre: Moving Pictures, 8.
Elite Skating Rink, Newtown: 10.30, 2.30, 7.30.
American Picture Palace, 308 Pitt-street: 11 till 11.
Western Stadium: Moving Pictures, 8.
Agricultural Grounds: Druids' Gala.
Anniversary Regatta: Steamers, Fort Macquarie, from 9.
Sports Ground: Championship Band Contest, 8.
Sydney Cricket Ground: Victoria v New South Wales, 12.
Hawkesbury River Excursion: 10.
Seeing Sydney by Motor: Martin-place, 10.30.
Australian Jockey Club: First Race, 12.30.

PERSONAL.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Dudley left Hobart last evening in H.M.S. Powerful for Melbourne.

In honour of the anniversary of the birthday of his Majesty the German Emperor, the German Acting Consul-General will hold a reception between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to-morrow, at the Consulate-General.

The Minister for Customs (Mr. Tudor) will leave Melbourne on Tuesday for Sydney. He goes on to Newcastle on Wednesday, and returns to Sydney on Friday to catch the express back to Melbourne.

Colonel J. C. Neild, who is still in the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, continues to make satisfactory progress, but there is no prospect of his complete restoration to health for a considerable time.

The consecration of the Very Rev. Father Clune, Bishop-elect of Perth, will be performed by Cardinal Moran, at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Perth on March 17. A number of other prelates from the eastern States will be in attendance at the ceremony.

Alderman Thomas Hughes, M.L.C., will leave on Saturday for a tour in Europe.

At Bowning on Tuesday the Minister for Lands was entertained at a complimentary social. Mrs. Pryke, Labour organiser, was presented with a gold and diamond bracelet, and Mr. Sidwell, late Labour secretary at Bowning, with a travelling bag and cricket bat. The presentations were made by Mr. Nielsen.

An illuminated testimonial was presented on Tuesday to Mr. Arthur J. Williamson, town clerk of Prospect and Sherwood, by the council, in recognition of his successful efforts in placing the finances on a firm and legal footing.

Australian mining engineers and metallurgists seem to be gradually obtaining a good reputation among capitalists outside. In New Caledonia are sound copper propositions under French control, but in some cases the results have not been satisfactory. Quite recently Mr. J. D. Audley Smith, who is well-known in Queensland and Sydney mining circles as a consulting metallurgist and mining engineer, was asked to go over and advise on certain copper-mining and smelting operations. The French capitalists concerned are looking to Australia to help them out, and Mr. Audley Smith expects to be away some time getting things upon a proper footing. He left yesterday by the M.M.S. Yarra, and has taken Mr. C. G. Rutledge with him as his assistant.

The officers of the metropolitan force last night assembled at the Hotel Australia to bid farewell to Superintendent M'Vane, who has been promoted to the position of police superintendent of the souht-western district. The chair was occupied by Superintendent Sherwood. Complimentary speeches were delivered, and the usual toasts were honoured. Superintendent M'Vane will leave for Deniliquin early next week.

Mr. Horatius M. Lyon, one of the best-known citizens in Wellington (N.Z.), was killed while attempting to board a train leaving Trentham racecourse yesterday. The deceased, who was 60 years of age, is supposed to have attempted to get on a moving train, and fell between the platform and the train. The body was horribly mutilated, and death must have been instantaneous. The deceased, who recently retired from the secretaryship of the Fire Underwriters' Association, was many years secretary of the Wellington Racing Club.

A presentation was made yesterday at the Detective Office to Senior-detective J. Hoskisson, on his retirement on full pension after 30 years' service. The presentation, which took the form of a gold watch chain and pendant, together with a gold brooch set with tourmalines, for Detective Hoskisson's sister, was made by Superintendent Roche.

Mr. James Seymour, the oldest employee of Farmer and Company, Limited, Sydney, died suddenly at his residence, High-street, North Sydney, on Tuesday night, at the age of 69 years. Deceased was at work on Tuesday, apparently in normal health. Had he lived until March next he would have completed 50 years' service. He took a keen interest in yachting and sailing, and was well known amongst followers of aquatic sports.

THE REFERENDUM.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN VIEW.

MR. VERRAN'S ATTITUDE.

"The whole of the South Australian Labour party is in favour of the Referendum because we have such a reactionary and conservative Legislative Council."

Mr. Verran (Premier of South Australia), who arrived in Sydney yesterday, gave that as the view of his party on the Referendum proposals of the Federal Government.

"It is impossible to pass any progressive legislation at the present time," Mr. Verran continued. "For several years we have been endeavouring to pass a Workmen's Compensation Act. The Legislative Council has shelved it on every occasion. If the power of the Federal Government is extended it will be possible to get industrial legislation through that cannot be effected by the State machinery. If it were possible to get progressive laws through the Legislative Council we would not favour extending the powers of the Federal Parliament."

Mr. Verran, who is accompanied by his Treasurer (Mr. Vaughan), visited Barren Jack on the way up. They were much impressed by the magnitude of the work, and think that the State was plucky to undertake it. "South Australia contemplates the conservation of a very large volume of water from the Murray and Darling," remarked Mr. Verran. "We think that by a system of locking all the needs of irrigation and navigation will be met; and that notwithstanding the Murray will still remain the Nile of Australia."

The object of Mr. Verran's visit to Sydney is to gather information concerning the methods of the Sydney Harbour Trust.

MEAT FOR AMERICA.

OFFER FROM AUSTRALIA.

"WITH THE TARIFF OFF."

"Beef at six cents, lamb at eight, with the tariff off." That is the heading over an interview, published in the New York "World," with Mr. Arthur Kidman. In this interview Mr. Kidman, who is one of the largest meat exporters of Australia, assured the people of America that he could land Australian beef and mutton in the United States at 6 cents a lb., and lamb at 8 cents per lb., provided that the tariff was removed.

"I have spent the last six months in this country," he said, "studying the possibility of securing a market in the United States for meat and dairy exports. The only thing in the way is the tariff. If Congress will let down the bars a bit, so that we can come in, we can give beef, delivered in the carcase at the wharf, for 6 cents a pound, mutton for 6, lamb for eight cents, and butter for 23 to 24 cents, exclusive of duty. And better butter, by the way, than you can get here by paying the very highest prices.

"The meat will be frozen, of course. But you eat frozen meat every day. Personally I consider that freezing improves it—certainly it does not harm it. The quality would be of the highest."

A recent special despatch in the "World" from Washington reads:—

"There is no reason why Australian meats should not be brought into the United States under prescribed inspection, according to authorities here. The Department of Agriculture is satisfied that the cattle and sheep of Australia are as healthy as any in the world."

CLERGYMAN'S RETIREMENT.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

A petition prepared by the parishioners of All Saints' for the retention of Rev. Mr. Price as rector of the church was presented to Archbishop Donaldson last night. It contained 242 signatures. The Archbishop refused to reopen the question or reconsider his decision.

LAND TAX.

PRIMARILY FOR REVENUE.

STATEMENT BY MR. FISHER.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Fisher) is confident of a double victory respecting the forthcoming referendum, and the test to be applied to the constitutionality of the Land Tax Act.

Mr. Fisher stated yesterday that the Attorney-General had not the least doubt that the Land Tax Act was constitutional. The Government was well ahead now in respect of departmental arrangements, some returns being already out, and in the hands of the taxpayers.

"I do not think," said Mr. Fisher, "that the tax will produce much more than the million pounds estimated by us. Primarily it is a tax for revenue purposes. Incidentally, of course, it will result in opening up large estates for closer settlement. I don't regard seriously the wild statements about the millions of pounds that are to be scooped into the Treasury. A glance backward will show you that Sir George Reid's land tax brought in only about £300,000."

Mr. Fisher thinks that the referendum will be carried. "We will give the other side a good chance to state their case," remarked Mr. Fisher, "and will then come at them with our reply. I expect to be in the thick of the fight about the end of February."

DECISIONS BY COMMISSIONERS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Federal Commissioner of Land Tax (Mr. McKay) has given a number of rulings in connection with the value of "improvements." During the recent conference between the Commissioner and his deputy Commissioners typical instances where difficulty has constantly arisen in the administration of State land taxes were considered. As a result Mr. McKay has given the following rulings:—

(1) "A" is owner of land from which timber has been removed. The selling value of the land has thereby depreciated, though the timber at the time of removal may or may not have had an appreciable value. He should not be allowed anything for his clearing.

(2) "B" has expended 2s 6d per acre in ringbarking, the effect of which is to appreciate the selling value of his land by £1 per acre. He is entitled to claim £1 per acre for the improvements, as an adjoining owner has land of identical type, but on it the timber is green. In such a case the unimproved value of the land will be the same as in "B's" case.

(3) "C" is the owner of land on which he, prior to the land tax, made an excavation. This he subsequently filled in. He is not entitled to deduct the value of this as an improvement.

(4) "D" purchased land from the Crown, on which an excavation existed prior to his purchase. He fills this in, thereby appreciating the selling value of his land. He can regard this as an improvement, the value of which he is entitled to deduct.

(5) "E" owns land, the former owner of which filled in an excavation which existed when he purchased from the Crown, his action appreciating the value of the land. He is entitled to treat this as an improvement, the value of which can be deducted.

(6) "F" purchased land from the Crown, on which prickly pear, briar, lantana, burr, or other non-indigenous weeds were growing. He eradicates these, thereby enhancing the value of the land. He is entitled to deduct the amount by which the value of the land is enhanced on account of improvements of this nature.

(7) "G" purchases land from the Crown. Throughout a series of years he spent money regularly in keeping vegetable pests in check. He cannot deduct anything on this account, as his expenditure is merely of the nature of working expenses.

(8) "H" purchases from a previous owner land on which non-indigenous vegetable pests are growing. He spends a large amount in eradication and keeping in check. He is not entitled to deduct anything for his expenditure in keeping the pests in check. (9) "I" uses a water supply, the origin of which is detached from his land, but the pipes of the channels from which traverse the land. He is entitled to regard the pipes or channels, if his own property and upon his own land, as an improvement. He is also entitled to regard any such improvements off the land, if appertaining thereto, as an improvement, if it enhances the value of his land. He is not entitled to regard as an improvement any increased value resulting from the use of public sources of supply.

In addition to the principles laid down in the above rules, a number of decisions in concrete cases have been supplied for the further guidance of taxpayers. They are as follows:—(1) Land covered with surface stone, unimproved value, £5 per acre; £2 10s per acre spent in clearing off stone and making fit for cultivation; market price of land, £10 per acre. What is the unimproved value for taxation?—Decision: £5 per acre. (2) Timbered block of land valued at £2 10s; ringing, suckering, and picking up dead timber, £1 10s per acre, spent over a period of five years, of which first two years there was no extra return for money spent on improvements; present market value, £5 per acre. What is the value for taxation purposes?—Decision: £3 10s per acre. (3) Market value of land, £50 per acre; £20 per acre has been spent in clearing timber and draining land over a period of 10 years. A block of 20 acres similar quality land, in its natural state, on the estate present value £15 per acre. What is the improved value of cleared portion?—Decision: £15 per acre. (4) Present owner buys estate at £4 per acre covered with saffron thistles; spends £1 per acre in clearing thistles over period of three years. Present value £5 per acre. What is the unimproved value?—Decision: £4 per acre; the added value to the land given by the removal of the thistles is apparently £1 per acre. (5) Owner buys a swamp of 50 acres adjoining his property at £1 per acre; spends £100 in drainage, and in course of three years spends £100 in sowing down with grass. Present value £10 per acre. What is the unimproved value?—Decision: £1 per acre if that price is all that the land, if unimproved, would have realised at 30th June last if offered for sale. (6) A person owns land which was originally a swamp, through which a drain runs constructed by himself. The drain passes through adjoining land owned by another person. The latter attempts to use the drain, and cannot interfere with it.—Decision: The first owner is entitled to deduct the added value which the drain gives to his land, notwithstanding that its utility is dependent upon the outlet through other lands. In all the cases mentioned above it is assumed that the values quoted are the bona-fide market values as at June 30, 1910.

The Commissioner, upon making any decision, immediately forwards a copy of it to the Deputy Commissioner in each State. His desire is to obtain uniformity with decentralisation. Any land owner who does not find his own case covered by the decisions and rulings already given is invited to submit details.

AUSTRALIA'S TRADE.

LAST YEAR'S FIGURES.

EXPORTS INCREASE OVER NINE MILLIONS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A return has been prepared showing the import and export trade done by the Commonwealth during the year. The imports for 1910 totalled £59,456,238, including gold of the value of £1,031,439. The previous year the value of the imports was £51,171,896, including £1,956,375 worth of gold. The net increase last year was £8,284,342. The exports showed even a greater increase. During 1910 the total value was set down as £74,497,627. This included £4,738,147 in gold. Compared with 1909, gold showed a decrease last year of £3,942,137, and all other articles an increase of £13,120,928, the net increase being £9,178,691.

An interesting table has been prepared dealing with the oversea trade of the Commonwealth since 1899. Details are as follow:—

OVERSEA TRADE OF AUSTRALIA, 1899 TO 1910.

Year.	Imports.	Exports.	Total Trade.
1899	£34,329,687	£48,599,035	£82,928,722
1900	41,388,030	45,956,889	87,344,919
1901	42,434,011	49,696,172	92,130,183
1902	40,675,950	43,915,087	84,591,037
1903	37,811,471	48,250,115	86,061,586
1904	37,020,847	57,485,915	94,506,762
1905	38,346,731	56,841,035	95,187,766
1906	44,744,91[illegible]	69,737,763	114,482,674
1907	51,809,023	72,824,247	124,633,270
1908	49,799,373	64,311,058	114,110,431
1909	51,171,896	65,318,838	116,490,734
1910	59,456,228	74,497,627	133,953,855

ENCOURAGING SETTLEMENT.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In dealing with the promotion of settlement in Victoria, Messrs. McKenzie and Mead have made several important recommendations to the Cabinet, which are receiving consideration. They want better railway communication in irrigation areas, better arrangements for distribution of produce, encouragement for the establishment of industries, and assistance in special education.

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COMMAND OF THE SEA.

PROTECTING TRADE ROUTES.

DECLARATION OF LONDON.

ADVERSE CRITICISM.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

Lord Inverclyde (chairman Glasgow Shipowners' Association), addressing a meeting of the association, asked whether the desire of the Government to ratify the Declaration of London was not equivalent to an admission that the navy was unable to protect the trade routes.

Admiral Sir Arthur Wilson, who is rather sanguine regarding the impossibility of invasion, says that Great Britain is entitled to command the sea commercially, and the navy must be equal to the necessity.

Admiral Sir Edmund Fremantle condemns the Declaration of London. He believes that none of the signatories to it will observe it in war time, and an international court will have no power to enforce its decision. The new blockade rules, he says, will greatly hamper British naval commanders.

TWO COURSES OPEN.

WHICH WILL ENGLAND TAKE?

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Some of the newspapers announce that the ratification of the Declaration will be postponed until the matter has been discussed by the Imperial Conference.

The Manchester "Guardian" regards the Declaration as unwise, and says that it means the abandonment of a principle which England has defended for a century, viz., that the onus of proof shall lay on the captor, while the Declaration lays the burden on the owner.

"If the Declaration can be made binding," the paper adds, "it would be as easy to secure prohibition of the capture of private property altogether. England has two courses, either to make the sea in wartime British territory, involving enormous cost, or secure the complete freedom of the seas to commerce."

Mr. A. A. Kirkpatrick, Agent-General for South Australia, stated in the course of an interview that the Declaration ought not to be ratified without due discussion.

CANADIAN OPINION.

DOMINIONS SHOULD BE CONSULTED.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The Ottawa correspondent of the "Daily Mail" states that owing to the meagre despatches received in connection with the Declaration of London, it has attracted little attention. The general opinion, however, is that the Dominions should not have been overlooked in a matter of this kind.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it is added, has not studied the Declaration, and before he comes to a definite decision he will have it analysed by Government experts.

A GERMAN VIEW.

BRITISH SHIPPING MAY BE CRIPPLED.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.

The Berlin "Post," commenting on the campaign against the Declaration, says that foreign Powers must reckon with the peril that ratification may be refused, and the old privateering rights reaffirmed.

The "Post" adds that the recent English naval manoeuvres showed that by a sacrifice an enemy's fleet could make possible the almost complete destruction of the British mercantile marine. Such a crippling, it says, would perpetually jeopardise British supremacy in the shipping trade.

WRECK OF THE AOTEA.

SALVAGE OPERATIONS.

CAPETOWN, Jan. 24.

Reuter's correspondent states that a contract for salving the steamer Aotea has been concluded.

Given continuance of the present perfect weather, the bulk of the cargo will be discharged, and then it will be known whether it will be possible to refloat the vessel, as now hoped.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Reuter's Capetown correspondent states that it is hoped that when the cargo is discharged from the otea it will be possible to save the hull. The weather continues perfect.

JAPANESE ANARCHISTS.

TWELVE EXECUTIONS IN ONE DAY.

TOKIO, Jan. 24.

Dr. Kotuku, his wife, and ten others, who were condemned to death for plotting to assassinate the Emperor of Japan, were executed to-day.

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The executions lasted from 8 o'clock in the morning till 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a single gallows being used.

Each of the condemned persons died alone, and all of them, including the woman, went to their death calmly.

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The conference in London in connection with sleeping sickness resolved that the Cape to Cairo railway should be inspected for "glossina palpalis" (the mosquito which carries the infection), and that the railways must cross the fly belt at the narrowest point to stations.

It was further decided that within the "glossina" area the clearing of the ground on either side of the railway and rivers is essential.

THE POPE AND THE CARDINAL.

ROME, Jan. 25.

The Pope granted an audience to Bishop Corbett, of Sale, discussing Australian affairs with him, and inquiring regarding the health of Cardinal Moran.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

The wool sales opened this afternoon firm and with increased competition. Faulties were still weak. American buyers are operating for best New Zealand crossbreds, some sections of the trade taking the bulk.

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The following prices were obtained at the wool sales:—Trawalla, highest price 16d, average 14½d; Yanko, 13d, 10½d; C.A.A., 11½d, 10¼d; Breza, 9¼d, 9½d; Portland, 12d, 11d; Gnoolooma, . d, 10d; Cariewerio, 11d, 10d; Moggie, 9½d, 8½d; Piako, 10d, 9½d.

GERMANY AND BELGIUM.

INVASION OF FRANCE.

DIPLOMATIC RUMOURS.

THE LATE KING LEOPOLD.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" publishes a statement by its diplomatic correspondent to the effect that the late King Leopold of Belgium was so exasperated and alarmed over the humanitarian agitation concerning the treatment of natives in the Congo that he appealed to Germany for protection, and that he agreed to the invasion of France through Belgium.

This plan after the death of King Leopold fell into hands which communicated it to France.

The correspondent declares that experienced chiefs in the diplomatic service on the Continent believe the rumour to be true.

"LOCK YOUR DOORS AT NIGHT!"

INDIGNATION AT BULUWAYO.

LORD GLADSTONE CRITICISED.

CAPETOWN, Jan. 24.

The whole of the male population of Buluwayo met and protested against Lord Gladstone, the Governor-General, reprieving a native who had been sentenced to death for assaulting a white woman.

One speaker pointed out that if Lord Gladstone assumed that South African conditions were the same as in England he must be brought to a proper appreciation of the facts, otherwise the whites would take the law into their own hands.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The Buluwayo correspondent of the "Daily Mail" states that the popular anger has been accentuated by the publication of a private letter written by the Governor-General, Lord Gladstone, to a Rhodesian official, stating that it was time Rhodesian women learned to lock their doors and windows at night.

HIS LOVER'S EVIDENCE.

"YOU ARE TAKING MY LIFE."

CLAPHAM COMMON MURDER.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Further evidence has been given in the case of Steiner Morrison, charged with murdering a miser named Beron on Clapham Common.

Eva Flitterman, described as Morrison's lover, stated that she saw him wearing a five-pound-piece pendant attached to a watchchain.

The prisoner in court created a scene by vehemently denying the statement, and alleging that the woman was telling lies because of jealousy. "Do you know you are taking my life?" he cried.

Other evidence was given to the effect that Beron, the murdered man, wore a five-pound piece.

THE CORONATION.

SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION.

CAPETOWN, Jan. 24.

The South African Union Parliament is sending a delegation of representatives to the Coronation.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The entertainment committee in connection with the visit of colonial troops to England for the Coronation has been reconstituted, with the Duke of Abercorn as President, and Lord Cheylesmore as organising secretary. The committee is co-operating with the Colonial Office.

REVOLT IN YEMEN.

TURKEY'S STRONG MEASURES.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 24.

The Turkish Government is increasing the expeditionary force which is being sent to Yemen to suppress the rapidly-growing revolt.

The first transports have started.

RUSSIAN HOSPITAL SCANDAL.

THOUSAND CHILDREN STARVED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 24.

A foundling hospital at Ekaternoslov has been closed and the staff arrested.

One thousand out of 1080 infants who were received in the institution during the last six months died, chiefly owing to starvation.

DEVELOPMENT OF PAPUA.

TREATMENT OF NATIVES.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

Mr. J. G. Jenkins, ex-Agent-General for South Australia, read a paper on Papua before the Royal Colonial Institute, in the course of which he said there were indications that the possession would at an early date become one of Great Britain's valuable assets and assist to relieve the dependence of the Empire on foreign supplies.

Mr. J. H. P. Murray, Administrator of Papua, who presided, said the Government of Papua recognised the duty of preserving the natives from the fatal effects of contact with European civilisation, and that the only way to do so was to encourage their industry.

BRITISH LICENSE DUTIES.

COMPUTING VALUATIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

As the recent decision disclosing the method of computing valuations for license duties under the Budget has operated with greater severity than intended, Mr. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has promised to adjust the matter by legislation.

SWISS MEAT SUPPLY.

IMPORTS TO BE ALLOWED.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

The Swiss Government has informed Sir George Reid, High Commissioner for Australia, that it is intended to authorise towns having freezing facilities to import meat.

THE NATIONAL DEBT.

CHANCE FOR SMALL INVESTORS.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The "Daily Chronicle" states that the Government will shortly convert part of the national debt into bearer bonds as low as £5, for the purpose of attracting small investors.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE

THE BOND STRENGTHENING.

STATEMENT BY COUNT KOMURA.

TOKIO, Jan. 25.

Count Komura, Minister for Foreign Affairs, speaking in the House of Representatives, said that the Anglo-Japanese alliance was constantly gaining strength and ensuring perfect accord and genuine goodwill between the two countries. "The alliance continues to be a powerful factor in the general peace of the Far East," he added.

The Minister further stated that tariff negotiations were proceeding with the various Powers, aiming at re-establishing for the Japanese complete tariff autonomy, and eliminating unequal engagements. He hoped that a satisfactory treaty with Britain would shortly be concluded.

CRIME IN AMERICA.

SON SHOOTS HIS FATHER.

"NO JURY WILL CONVICT ME."

VANCOUVER, Jan. 25.

A sensational domestic tragedy is reported from North Bend, Washington State.

A farm hand named John Drost shot his father dead, and when arrested said: "I shot him because I am Americanised. If we had still lived in Holland I would not have done it. But here is the greatest country on earth, and no jury will convict me when I tell them the motive."

A daughter who tried to save her father was also shot at, and badly wounded.

THE NEW YORK MURDER.

A NOVELIST'S DEATH.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 25.

Mr. David Graham Phillips, the editor and novelist who was shot in New York yesterday by a Harvard man, has succumbed to his injuries.

FORTIFIED IN A CABIN.

WANTED FOR FORGERY.

THE AUTHORITIES DEFIED.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 24.

Three men who are accused of forgery have fortified themselves in a cabin at Sumner, Washington, and are defying the authorities.

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The three men who are wanted on a charge of forgery are holding the authorities at bay at Sumner. They threaten to shoot the sheriff and members of the posse.

An attempt will be made to storm the cabin.

The men are believed to have been concerned in a recent murder.

BOYS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

MURDER OF A BANK MESSENGER.

PARIS, Jan. 25.

The two youths, Tissier and Desmarest, aged 17 and 16 respectively, who murdered a bank messenger named Andre in October last, and stole his satchel containing £170, have been sentenced to death.

Tissier and Desmarest decoyed a bank messenger to a house in the Belville quarter, Paris, by means of a forged bill. They murdered the messenger with a knife and flat-iron, and secured his satchel, containing £170. When arrested they made cynical confessions, and stated that they squandered the proceeds of the robbery in dissipation, extending over two days and two nights. The youths admitted that they had long premeditated the crime. They stabbed Andre in the neck while he was filling entries in the bill; then they gagged and bound him. Their remorselessness was attributed to their belief that on account of their youth they would not be executed, but would be merely confined in a reformatory until they were 21.

MURDER OF A SCHOOL TEACHER.

HIS WIDOW SENTENCED.

BERLIN, Jan. 24.

The trial of Frau Herberich on a charge of murdering her husband, Dr. Herberich, the headmaster of a girls' high school, in April last, has concluded at Nuremberg.

The accused was sentenced to 4½ years' imprisonment.

BRUTAL POLICE ASSAULTS.

CITIZENS JUSTIFIED IN SHOOTING.

BERLIN, Jan. 24.

Judge Unger, in delivering judgment in further cases connected with the riots in the Moabit quarter of Berlin in September last, declared that citizens were justified in shooting policemen who brutally assaulted them.

RISING IN MEXICO.

THE FIGHTING CONTINUES.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 24.

The rising in Mexico is spreading. The insurgents have had a big victory near Ojinga.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 25.

The Mexican insurgents have captured the town of Alamos, and it is rumoured that the State of Sonora, which is the centre of the insurrection, will secede from the Republic and form an independent State.

Eighty dead were left on the field in an engagement near Galanea. The insurgents were routed.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

The death is announced of Captain Barr, the well-known yachtsman.

Mr. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is suffering from throat trouble, has left for Italy.

At a national conference in London representing 600,000 miners it was agreed to assist 12,000 Cambrian miners on strike.

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Admiral Sir John Arbuthnot Fisher, who has been Admiral of the Fleet since 1905, will retire from the active list on his 70th birthday, which will shortly occur.

At the weekly sales of tallow, 1088 cases were offered, and 690 sold. Prices were unchanged.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 24.

It is reported that Japan is to lay the keel of a 40,000-ton battleship.

The residence of Mr. Thaw at Pittsburg has been robbed of jewels to the value of £9000.

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There is a large influx of negroes into the Alberta and Edmonton districts of Canada. The Board of Trade is approaching the Interior Department, complaining that white settlers are deterred from making homes there owing to objections to the presence of the negroes.

ADEN, Jan. 24.

An outbreak of plague has occurred at Perim.

NEW UNIVERSITY.

FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION.

PERTH, Wednesday.

In the Assembly last night the Premier, Mr. Wilson, moved the second reading of a bill to establish and endow a university in Western Australia on lines laid down by the Royal Commission which recently submitted its report to Parliament. Most of the other Australian States, he said, were provided with universities long before they had reached the stages of Western Australia in population, wealth, and State revenue. It was estimated that the University will cost £13,500 per annum, of which £10,000 will be provided by the State.

The Constitution is one of the broadest and most democratic conceivable. Four professorships are proposed at the outset, one in modern literature and history, one in mathematics and physics, one in chemistry, and the fourth in engineering and mining. While there is also to be a number of lectureships, including classical languages and literature, a chair in agriculture is to be endowed by private benefaction. The main features are necessarily influenced by the immediate requirements of the State, in which science plays so important a part, with modifications and some improvements. The whole plan is placed on an Australian model. It was the aim of the commission to make the University a free institution, or, as an alternative to abolishing fees in secondary and technical schools, to impose the fewest and lightest charges possible. In regard to the constitution, there are to be a senate and convocation. The senate is to be chosen partly by convocation, and it is to be partly nominated by the State. The convocation, in its final shape, is intended to consist of all the graduates of three years' standing, members and past members of senates, and representative of the undergraduates. A guild is to be formed of such societies and industrial unions and other institutions as contribute to the funds of the University. Twelve members of the senate are to be elected by convocation, and the remaining six are to be nominated by the State. If the bill is passed the financial obligation will commence on July 1 next, shortly after which date the senate will be appointed.

The Premier held that the Parliamentary buildings were nothing like adequate for the purpose of a university, but thought Parliament would not be backward in finding the necessary funds for erecting buildings and supplying proper housing accommodation for the University. In the meantime, steps would be taken for the provision of temporary accommodation, and for the appointment of the officials who were to launch the University on its career.

The debate was adjourned.

CHARGES AGAINST PRIESTS,

CONDITIONS ON WALLIS ISLAND.

NATIVES KNEEL IN SUBJECTION.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

The New Zealand "Herald's" Samoan correspondent writes that officers on a little inter-island steamer which visits Apia fully corroborate the statements made by Dr. Borchard as to the condition of affairs on Wallis Island, where the natives live in abject submission to the Marist priests.

No act of the native authorities seems to be binding unless it has priestly approval. The passage of any priest along the public road is the signal for every native of whatsoever degree to drop on his knees until the priest passes.

The natives, it is said, feel their abject condition keenly, and seize every opportunity to try to run away.

NOT ENOUGH WHARFS.

STEAMER DELAYED A WEEK.

PASSENGERS TRANSHIPPED TO BRISBANE.

With the slightest rush of shipping the wharf accommodation of the port of Sydney becomes inadequate. Excellent proof of this has been afforded this week by the Harbour Trust being unable to find a berth for the Federal-Houlder Shire liner Everton Grange (8096 tons). This vessel, which arrived during Sunday night, was already behind her time-table date because of the mishap in South Australian waters, and consequently the agents, Houlder Brothers and Co. Ltd., were anxious to give her despatch with as much promptitude as possible. They applied beforehand for a berth, but without avail. They then placed the steamer in dock. Finding her uninjured they again sought space to discharge her cargo—2500 tons. Yesterday, on coming out of dock the vessel had to remain alongside Woolwich.

The best the agents can now hope for is that the vessel shall occupy No. 1 berth, Woolloomooloo, on Saturday morning, when vacated by the Hymettus. There were on board over 50 passengers for Brisbane. These were last night transferred to the company's steamer Somerset, which departs for Brisbane to-day.

Not only shippers, but importers waiting for their goods, are greatly inconvenienced by this want of berthing accommodation.

The steamer Dalmore, due on Sunday night, has not yet been provided for, and the agents are in a quandary what to do. The Harbour Trust is pushing on with a number of new wharfs. Two of them were made available recently, but the demand for accommodation is unlikely to be satisfied for some time to come.

RUN OVER BY TRAIN.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

Frank Bogg, aged 58, a fencer, in the employ of the Railway Department, received shocking injuries as a result of being run over by an engine about 8 o'clock this morning. How Bogg came to be on the line is not known, but it is believed he was crossing the rails when the accident occurred.

When the unfortunate man was taken from under the engine he was conscious. He was conveyed to the Lithgow Hospital, where it was found that two feet, one hand, and part of the other, had been severed. Bogg was also suffering severely from shock and loss of blood. There are very little hopes held out of his recovery. He is married, and was a resident of Newtown, Sydney, and was here only temporarily on a fencing job.

LOST IN THE BUSH.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

No tidings have yet been received of the lad Archie Burchell, who has been lost in the bush at Mirboo since 8 o'clock on Monday morning. The lad wandered away while going to school. Black trackers have been sent for, and they are expected to arrive to-night.

FARES TO BE REDUCED.

ON THE SYDNEY FERRIES.

The directors of the Sydney Ferries, Limited, yesterday decided to reduce the prices of subscribers' tickets from the commencement of next quarter.

The extent of the reductions to be made for the different services of the company will be definitely decided at a meeting of the board next week.

INTERSTATE SAILING RACES.

SYDNEY BOAT'S SUCCESS.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The Sydney boat Waratah, conceding 1 min. to the Perth boats Britannia and Wyola, won the dingy club's ten-footers' race to-day by three minutes; but in the class for 14-footers the Sydney boat St. George was beaten by the local boat Ivy by a minute and a half. St. George and the winner started from scratch, and St. George was at one stage leading by 20 seconds. The breeze was light to moderate.

ROBBING COMRADES.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Walter William Lawson, 18 years, a fitter's assistant, on the Zinc Corporation plant, was to-day sent to gaol for two months for stealing fourpence in coppers from a comrade's clothes in the change-house. The evidence was that when the other men went to work Lawson went through all their clothes, and ransacked them for money. A second charge of stealing twopence from another man's pocket was withdrawn. A watchman witnessed the whole of this searching, and took charge of Lawson.

UNIONS AND POLITICS.

BAN OF OSBORNE JUDGMENT.

ARE POLITICS "INDUSTRIAL MATTERS?"

CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATION.

Are political aims outside the objects of unions of employees registered under the State and Commonwealth Arbitration Acts? This is the very important question which is being argued in the case of Brinsmead v the Illawarra Collieries' Association, which was advanced another stage yesterday before Mr. Justice Gordon, sitting in Chambers.

The plaintiff, F. W. Brinsmead, a miner, who was represented by his council, Mr. Rich, is relying in his case against the association, for which Mr. Watt appeared as counsel, on the judgment of the House of Lords in the celebrated Osborne case. This judgment held that funds of trade unions could not lawfully be employed outside the objects of the unions or associations. In this case the plaintiff Brinsmead is seeking to restrain the Illawarra Association from paying a subscription amounting to £125 towards the funds of what purports to be an Australasian body called the Federal Coal and Shale Workers' Association.

The federated association represents over 12,000 colliery employees in New South Wales, embracing 9000 in the northern district, 2500 in the southern mines, and 800 in the western mines. The Victorian Coal-miners' Association is also affiliated with it, and certain features of its objects, which become important in view of the litigation now proceeding, are set out in its constitution as follow:—

"(a) To improve the condition and protect the interests of members of the federation by increasing the proportionate share of wealth to the workers, and by endeavouring to educate for the complete abolition of the present wage system, and the substitution of the common ownership of the means of production.

"(c) To discuss, consider, and put into force when approved, any scheme for the better guidance and extension of Australian industrial organisation.

"(e) To secure direct representation of Labour in Parliament.

"(f) To ensure the better advocacy of the principles and rights of labour through a press owned and controlled by the federation."

By arrangement between the plaintiff and defendant association, yesterday, the temporary injunction granted last week was continued for another seven days.

An application was made by Mr. L. Armstrong, counsel for the Federated Coal and Shale Workers' Association, for an adjournment of the matter for a fortnight for the purpose of resisting the plaintiff's case; but his Honor wanted to know where the federation came in. They were not parties, his Honor pointed out to counsel. He would say nothing about the position of the federation till they became a party to the suit, but at present he could not hear an application on their behalf. It was intimated that the federation would take steps to be joined as a party to the suit.

It appears that as the result of two ballots the Illawarra Association decided to join the federation; but, owing to notification of an injunction having been made to them, have not yet paid any dues, which amount to 6d per member per quarter. The injunction is to restrain the payment of any dues, and the ground taken is that the objects of the federation are not legitimate within the meaning of the constitutions of the constituent bodies. It raises the broad and important question whether trade unions registered under the Arbitration Acts can in their constitutions take cognisance of anything but industrial matters, to a consideration of which also the jurisdiction of arbitration courts have been expressly limited by the High Court, a judgment of which tribunal confines them to disputes actually occurring between employer and employees. If the contentions now put forward on behalf of Brinsmead are upheld, it will mean that the funds of trade unions cannot be employed for any of the particular objects figuring in the list of objectives of the Federated Coal and Shale Workers' Association, on whose behalf it will be contended that these particular features are within the scope of the constitutions of the affiliated unions.

DAY LABOUR.

TO AVERT LAND SLIDES.

AN OPTIMISTIC MINISTER.

The Minister for Works (Mr. Griffith) made some remarks yesterday regarding his day labour scheme.

"Neither the 'Herald' nor anyone else," Mr. Griffith said, "need be the least afraid as to the class of labour that will be employed. I will get just as good a class of workmen as any contractor could get, and I intend to put the engineers in charge of works in as strong a position of authority as any contractor's engineer with regard to the employment of labour. I would like to point out with regard to the general question of day labour versus contract work that there are indirect issues that must be taken into serious consideration. For instance, I was notified yesterday of an enormous land slip on the North Coast railway between Gloucester and Taree. A mass of 500,000 tons of earth has slipped on to the railway line. Under the contract made by my predecessor the contractors are to be paid 2s 11d a yard for the shifting of that earth, so this department will be called upon to pay, roughly, from £37,000 to £40,000 extra to the contractors, and may even have to make a deviation to avoid a recurrence of the land slide.

"Now, if instead of handing railway construction over to a contractor the department had carried out the work, all the ground near the line would have been tested, and where the natural features indicated a probability of a land slip a deviation would have been made without any very serious expense, whereas if a deviation were proposed in a contract the extras would have been piled up. It really pays a contractor to have a land slip. It is not to his interest to go to any great trouble to avoid it. I do not suggest for a moment that a contractor would do anything dishonest, but the fact remains that a land slip means more work and more money for him. On every big railway there are sure to be modifications and alterations suggested as the work developed, and out of these the contractor makes money. Under the day labour system these extra charges would be avoided."

Mr. Griffith added that he would not undertake any day labour job unless assured before he started that he had all the necessary plant and staff to enable him to do the work cheaper than it could be done by contract.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

A CLEAR RUN.

FROM SYDNEY TO MONTREAL.

Mr. John Milward, manager in the Pacific of the Pacific Cable Board, arrived in Sydney yesterday from a trip to Canada in the Moana.

While in the Dominion Mr. Milward came to an important arrangement in connection with the business of the board. Up to the present the Pacific Cable Board has had a clear run only from its base at Sydney to Bamfield, at Vancouver. In future the board will have full control of a line from Bamfield right across Canada, to Montreal, on the Atlantic. Thus there will be no break. The line across Canada has been leased from the Canadian-Pacific Railway Company, which hitherto transmitted messages after they were received from the Pacific Board at Bamfield. This double handling goes with the new arrangement, and greater despatch is expected to result.

Mr. Milward also fixed up another important matter for the board. He has arranged for the installation of an apparatus recently invented by an Englishman. This, he claims, will enable messages to be transmitted 25 per cent. more quickly, and consequently will result in increasing by 25 per cent. the carrying capacity of the line.

"Will it cheapen the rates?" Mr. Milward was asked.

"I can't say whether it will or not at present," was the reply. "But it should tend to. The aim of the board is to give the public the best and cheapest service possible."

DESPERATE PRISONER.

FIGHT FOR LIBERTY.

BLACKFELLOW AND POLICE SERGEANT

WEE WAA, Wednesday.

An aboriginal named Ernest Ambrook was wanted by the Moree police for an alleged serious assault on a girl. They tracked him to about Millie, but could not place him. Mr. Oakden, of Warianna, telephoned to Mr. S. A. Thompson, Pendennis, yesterday morning. That gentleman telephoned into the sergeant of police here that a man answering the description of Ambrook had arrived at his place, asking for food. Sergeant Menary immediately went out and arrested the man, and brought him before Mr. F. Brunsdon, J.P., at the court this morning. The man was remanded till Saturday for the production of the warrant from Moree.

At about 2.30 this afternoon Ambrook asked the sergeant to allow him to leave the cell. Getting his revolver, the sergeant followed the man out. When the sergeant ordered him back to his cell the prisoner threw the contents of a can at him.

A desperate struggle ensued. The blackfellow bit the sergeant's thumb to the bone, struck him over the head with a shingle, and hit him about the head with a stick, but the police officer stuck desperately to his prisoner, and would not use his revolver. Mrs. Menary, hearing the noise, rushed to her husband's assistance, and her shouts brought Messrs. Wood, Buckley, Dickson, Barton, and others to the scene just in time to prevent the black getting possession of the sergeant's revolver, upon which he had his hand. The men had a severe struggle to get the desperado back to the cell.

The plucky way in which the sergeant stuck to his man, and his hesitancy to shoot, were commended. The blackfellow's feet are so small that they slipped through the leg-irons, and handcuffs had to be fastened on them, and mufflers on his arms.

RICHMOND RAILWAY DISASTER.

OFFICIAL INQUIRY CONCLUDED.

SEVERAL EMPLOYEES PENALISED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The departmental inquiry into the cause of the Richmond railway disaster was concluded to-day.

Peter Allan, the engine-driver of the 8.20 train, was charged with misconduct, or, alternatively, a breach of the regulations, in that he failed to see that his fireman performed his duty properly at South Yarra. The gravamen of the charge was that, detention having occurred at the advanced starting signal, it was the duty of Allan's fireman to go to the signal-box and remind the signalman of the position of the train, and he did not do so.

The board found Allan guilty, and imposed a fine of £30, to be paid in eight instalments extending over eight months.

Peter White Gillman, fireman, on a similar charge, was fined £5.

The guard Davitt was found guilty of the following charge, and cautioned:—"That at Windsor, it being foggy weather, he failed to see that the red tail light and two red side lights were alight, and properly burning."

Alexander M'Donald, signalman at South Yarra, was charged—(1) that he allowed the 8.37 a.m. up Elsternwick train to approach from the signal-box in the rear of his signal-box before the preceding train, the 8.20 a.m. up Brighton train, had passed at least a quarter of a mile beyond the South Yarra home signal; (2) that he placed the advanced starting signal at danger, after lowering the same for the 8.20 a.m. up Brighton train, before the last vehicle of such train had passed the signal. The board found M'Donald guilty of both charges, and, in view of the fact that its powers were confined to the imposition of a fine or dismissal, and that the imposition of a fine in this instance would have been deemed inadequate, determined to dismiss him from the service; but, in view of his length of service and excellent character, decided to strongly recommend the Commissioners to exercise leniency, and reduce him to some other position, where he will not in any way be connected with the signal-box.

John Melville, engine-driver of the 8.37 train, was charged with misconduct, or, alternatively, a breach of the regulations, constituted by one or more of the following acts or omissions: (1) in permitting his train to pass the home signal at danger; (2) in failing to carefully observe signals; (3) in failing to pay immediate attention to, and to obey, signals; (4) in failing to keep a good lookout when his engine was in motion; (5) in failing, when the signals were not visible as soon as usual, owing to fog, to reduce his speed and use every possible precaution when approaching Richmond station; (6) in failing to act in accordance with regulation 96 when, owing to the denseness of the fog, he could not see the fixed signals on approaching them, contrary to the requirements of regulation 168. Melville was found guilty, and the board imposed the penalty of dismissal.

James Burke, fireman of the 8.37 train, was called upon to answer the following charges: (1) In failing to carefully observe signals; (2) in failing to pay immediate attention to, and to obey, signals; (3) in failing to keep a good lookout when his engine was in motion. Burke was found not guilty.

The employees who have been penalised have a right to appeal to the Railways Appeal Board. It is expected that the right will be exercised.

ROUND THE WORLD.

IN A MOTOR CAR.

Three Americans—Messrs. J. R. Drake, T. M. Hanlon, and T. L. Jones—have set themselves the task of motoring round the world in a 20-h.p. car.

The motorists arrived yesterday with their car in the Moana. They left Detroit on November 3 last, and up to date have covered 5200 miles on land, 4100 of which represent the journey from Detroit to San Francisco. From the latter place they shipped in the Manchuria to Honolulu, and there joined the Moana. While in Honolulu the party travelled 1000 miles. Suva and Brisbane were also touched at.

The next move will be to New Zealand, afterwards returning to Sydney. From Sydney the party goes to the Philippines, Japan, China, India, South Africa, Arabaia, Egypt, and Europe. Eight months will be spent in Europe. London is to be made for at the end of the European run, and from thence the party will ship for New York, and finally motor back to Detroit, at the point from which they started.

When Detroit is reached on the return journey 40,000 miles will have been covered on land and 7000 miles by sea. The whole tour is expected to take two years.

EXPENSIVE TASTES.

YOUTH'S INDISCRETION.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

After having been arrested by Detective Murray to-day on a charge of having stolen a cheque valued at £55 from his employer, W. Anderson, organ builder and piano importer, of Flinders-lane, John Thomas, aged 17 years, gave an elaborate account of how he spent the money of which he had recently been possessed.

He stated that he had opened accounts at two suburban banks, and afterwards withdrew nearly all the money. He had bought a bicycle, a camera, a watch and chain, and two medals, some clothes, paid to learn how to drive a motor car, and given £29 to a young brother. He had also expended money on theatres, cigarettes, fruit, and lollies. His cash in hand amounted to £1 7s.

Thomas will appear before the City Court to-morrow.

STEAMER EASTERN AGROUND.

ON SALAMANDER BANK.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The E. and A. liner Eastern left Pinkenba at 1.30 this afternoon for Sydney and Melbourne. At about 4.30 she grounded on the inside Salamander bank, which is 2½ miles north-west of the Bulwer and 7 miles from Cape Moreton.

The tug Beaver was despatched from the city this evening to render assistance.

EMPIRE DAY ATTACKED.

STRONG SPEECH BY CARDINAL MORAN.

AUSTRALIA DAY PROPOSED.

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.

In future there will be two distinct demonstrations on May 24 of each year—one by the Roman Catholic portion of the community to be known as "Australia Day," and the second by the remainder of the people, who will continue to celebrate Empire Day.

The decision of the Roman Catholic Education Conference, "that as a help to the cultivation of the patriotic spirit, the 24th of May be formally set apart as 'Australia Day,' under the auspices of Our Lady Help of Christians," is meant, according to Cardinal Moran, as a counter demonstration to that of Empire Day.

The official report of the conference states that Cardinal Moran, in commenting on the motion, said that those who were the champions of Imperialism and Empire Day were many of them avowed enemies of the Catholic Church, and were identical with those who advocated Primrose Day in England, and tried to impede the progress of the Catholic Church at home and abroad. Leaders of opinion of all parties were becoming disassociated from the discredited Empire Day, and even the Public schools had a difficulty in allowing flags to be unfurled. Whatever they might do on Empire Day, he thought all patriotic Australian hearts must go out to Australia Day, and as they showed their patriotism and religious feeling by linking their enthusiasm with St. Patrick's Day, they would show the same enthusiasm in associating Australia Day with the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, the Chief Patroness of the Australian Church.

RETIRING ALDERMEN.

EXODUS FROM COUNCILS.

DISGUSTED WITH MUNICIPAL LIFE.

One remarkable feature of the present elections is the exceptionally large number of aldermen who are retiring altogether from municipal work. There is a wholesale exodus of well-known local government men, who have been in the forefront of the municipal movement for years.

At North Botany eight out of the 12 retiring aldermen are not seeking re-election; and at Erskineville there are five out of nine not candidates at the coming elections. Three of the Botany aldermen have not submitted their names, and three at Marrickville have taken a similar course.

In fact, in almost every one of the suburban councils there are at least two or three of the old council who are declining to offer their services to the ratepayers again.

Some of these gentlemen have been in municipal life for many years. Alderman Luland, of Botany, and Alderman Coward, of North Botany, for instance, have been continuously in office as aldermen and Mayors ever since the incorporation of the municipalities 25 years ago, and have rendered very valuable services to the ratepayers. These are only two instances, but anyone who cared to inquire into the matter could find very many other gentlemen of equally long service, who will be missed from various council tables and from the municipal work of the State.

Some aldermen make no secret of the reasons that have actuated them in taking this step. In certain cases they have retired in disgust, as they see no signs of improvement in municipal affairs in the near future. At one time it was considered an honour to be a civic representative, and there were important responsibilities attaching to the office. Now in one direction their activities are limited, and in another there is the possibility of the work becoming part of a hide-bound caucus system, which tends to submerge individual merit and achievement, and legislates mysteriously behind closed doors. Indeed, to such an extent is this feeling growing that there are indications that within a comparatively short time we may expect to see the civic representative who is responsible to the electors for his actions gone altogether from the municipal arena.

Others complain that the petty worries of office are so increased by the present Municipal Act that they refuse to put up with them longer.

In the case of a couple of the aldermen mentioned above, however, removal from the district in one instance, and old age in the other, are largely the cause of their retirement.

SOMEBODY'S BLUNDER.

PARISIANA'S CREW GO HUNGRY.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITHOUT FOOD.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Mr. Price, Labour member for Albany, attacked a Perth evening paper in the Assembly last night for having stated that the crew of the Parisiana arrived in Perth from Albany in a half-clothed and starving condition.

The evening paper to-day publishes interviews with several members of the crew, who assert that they were on the train for 24 hours between Albany and Perth without a bite to eat. It is understood that a Civil servant at Albany neglected to telegraph to the stations along the line directing that the crew should be provided with food and refreshment.

At York one member of the crew asked the captain for money to buy two loaves of bread, but he said he had no money, and that provision had been made by the authorities at Albany for the supply of provisions along the line. The men were supplied with clothes and boots at Albany, but they had not time to change their clothes before boarding the train, and were unable, on account of swollen feet, to put on new boots.

Some of the shipwrecked crew saw the Premier to-day, and, acting on his advice, and his promise to find them work, decided to settle in Western Australia. The Premier afterwards arranged to furnish the men with a change of clothing, and said that they will be able to start work in the country districts almost immediately.

The Premier has decided to draw the attention of the French authorities to the complaints that no provisions had been placed on St. Paul's Island for 18 years, and that the biscuits found there by the Parisiana crew were mouldy and unfit to eat.

LABOUR'S PARLIAMENT.

OPENS TO-DAY.

SEVEN HUNDRED MOTIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

The 20th annual conference of the New South Wales Political Labour League will be opened to-day, and for the first time in the history of the movement the Home of Labour has been unable to provide the necessary accommodation. The delegates will number nearly 600. The principal hall in the Oddfellows' Temple, Elizabeth-street, has been engaged. Ninety-eight trades unions and 460 leagues will send delegates to the conference. They will come from all parts of New South Wales to discuss a business-paper containing nearly 700 motions. This is regarded as the most important labour parliament that has ever met in any of the States. Already most of the country delegates have arrived, and the remainder will put in an appearance to-day. There will be a larger proportion of women delegates present than hitherto.

In all the branch leagues the attendance of women electors is now much larger than it used to be, and the women are encouraged to take part in the discussions, and to occupy prominent position on all committees and delegations, and also to take an active interest in propaganda.

The first business will be the appointment of a committee to examine the credentials of the delegates. The agenda paper will then be discussed, and the order in which the motions are to be considered will be arranged, and the hours of meeting fixed. The retiring president, Mr. Patrick Joseph Minahan, M.L.A., will then deliver his annual address, and the report of the executive for the year will be submitted.

CHAOS AT BARRIER.

ANOTHER INDICTMENT.

DEPARTMENTAL REMONSTRANCE.

STRONG LETTER FROM UNDER-SECRETARY.

ELEVEN GRAVE CHARGES.

The letter from the Under-Secretary for Public Works to the Mayor of Broken Hill covering Examiner Notting's report, is as follows:—

"I have to ask you to draw your council's attention to:—

"(1) The very serious position the affairs of the municipality are in as revealed by this report.

"(2) The grave risk of this neglect of proper account-keeping leading to financial ruin, as pointed out by the examiner.

"(3) The gross incompetence, neglect, or both, exhibited by certain members of the council's staff.

"(4) The probability of certain aldermen being disqualified under section 70 of the Local Government Act from holding office by reason of non-payment of rates, and rendered liable to the penalties of section 71.

"(5) The necessity of guarding against improper expenditure of public money in order that such payments as those to an ex-Mayor be not made in future.

"(6) The distinct breaches of the law in using £250 sanitary service special fund for general fund purposes, and using £50 general fund money for sanitary services; by £300 being transferred back to sanitary service fund instead of £250.

"(7) The improper action of the using for general purposes Government grant for £2000, given for relief works in 1909.

"(8) The improper and irregular manner of dealing with cash received.

"(9) Improper and irregular manner of dealing with petty cash, miscalled Treasurer's advance account.

"(10) The improper dealing with trust money for parks.

"(11) The very numerous breaches of regulations re account-keeping reported by the examiner."

The report from Acting-Chief Inspector M'Kern, dated August 19, to the Minister, says "the improper practice of taking cash from collector's till to pay accounts is a contravention of the regulations which require all money to be lodged in the banking account for subsequent withdrawal by cheque, as also provided by regulation. The council is directed by regulation to place in the trust fund all money received which it is not entitled to expend as revenue. It is shown that deposits refundable have not been so placed, but put direct to the general fund. In connection with the trust accounts, the fact is noted that a sum of £149 received from the Lands Department for improvement of parks was placed to this fund, but the expenditure was defrayed from general fund, and not drawn from trust fund, where it remained to the date of the examiner's visit. It appears to have been overlooked by both clerk and auditors, and omitted from the half-yearly statement as an asset. The auditors' explanation is far from satisfactory.

"There is great laxity in regard to plant, stores, materials, and so many instances of failure in connection with every service and fund of the municipality that to comment on them would only add to the report. The balance-sheet for the half-year ending December, 1909, was not commenced at the date of the inspector's visit, though mandatory for the clerk to prepare not later than February 23, 1910."

THE MAYOR'S REPLY.

The reply of the Mayor to the Under-Secretary for Public Works, dated October 4, was in the following terms:—

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 9th ultimo covering copy of Mr. Examiner Notting's report of the accounts of this city.

"In reply, I would inform you that my council has anticipated your suggestion re the appointment of some person capable of reorganising the staff and accounts. After an exhaustive inquiry, applications were called for, and the selected candidates were, at the council's request, further examined by a special board in Sydney. This board comprised Hon. William Robson, M.L.C., a qualified accountant, and Messrs. Cann and Griffith, M's.L.A., who recommended the appointment of Mr. Mander Ross, of Sydney, a qualified accountant, possessing a wide commercial and municipal experience. This gentleman has now taken up duties here, and has been given a free hand in the reorganisation of the staff and accounts. He is dealing with the matters enumerated in Mr. Examiner Notting's report, and also a number of important questions not touched on by Mr. Notting.

"It is hardly necessary for me to point out the wide difference between criticism and reorganisation. The latter is the outcome of the former, but is, as you will recognise, a task calling for skill and patience. Whilst Mr. Ross will endeavour to place the accounts for past periods on a proper footing, he will doubtless pay more attention to the proper direction of the present and future working.

"In conclusion, I would express my regret that it has been found necessary to address me in the tenor conveyed in yours under acknowledgment, and trust that with Mr. Ross's experience at my disposal, and the assistance you will doubtless at all time afford him, the affairs of this city may be placed on a good footing. I have, etc.,

"(Signed) F. R. HARVEY, Mayor."

DEFENCE OF THE COUNCIL.

MR. GRIFFITH MAKES A STATEMENT.

The publication in the "Herald" yesterday of Mr. Notting's report on the chaotic condition into which municipal affairs at Broken Hill had been allowed to drift caused the Minister for Works considerable surprise, and prompted him to speak in defence of the Broken Hill Council. First, Mr. Griffith wished to make it clear that neither the report published in the "Herald" nor any information contained in it had been furnished to the press by the Works Department or any other Government department.

"I am at a loss," he said, "to know whence the information published in the 'Herald' was obtained. As already stated by me, these reports are for the information only of the councils concerned, or of persons whose duty it is to inquire into and act upon them, and the department has always, acting on advice, refused to publish such reports in the press.

"I have not had time to compare the matter which appears in the 'Herald' with the report itself, so as to be able to state whether the report is correctly quoted; but I am in a position to say that what is published is not a complete copy of the report. The result of the publication of selected excerpts from the report is, of course, to give the public only a partial knowledge of the facts.

"Moreover, one cannot help questioning the fairness of the attempt to single out Broken Hill Council as the only council which has failed to comply thoroughly with the provisions of the Local Government Act and regulations.

"As already stated by me, about a dozen examiners of accounts are regularly employed making inspections of the accounts of municipalities and shires, and the report on the Broken Hill municipal accounts was only one of about 160 such reports received by the department during the year 1910.

"Many of these reports were favourable to the councils concerned and their staffs, but others revealed the fact that the councils accounts were not in a satisfactory condition.

"In the latter cases the department followed the reports up, as is being done in the case of Broken Hill, with a view to the provisions of the Act and regulations being complied with. In this connection it may be stated that, owing to the failure on the part of council clerks and auditors to comply with the provisions of the Act and regulations in connection with the keeping of councils' accounts, the department has been compelled to cancel the certificates of one clerk and three auditors, in addition to which the certificates of others have been suspended for a period, whilst censures have in many other cases been given.

"In fairness to the Broken Hill Council, I think I should state that when, as a result of Mr. Notting's report, the department advised the council to appoint some person capable of reorganising the staff and ac-

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counts, the Mayor replied that the council had anticipated the department's suggestion in this regard, and that Mr. Ross's appointment was the result of action set in train by the council before the receipt of Mr. Notting's report.

"I might also state that the department has in no way relaxed its efforts to bring the accounts of the Broken Hill Council into order and into conformity with the regulations, nor does it intend to do so.

"In this connection I may state that so recently as the 12th instant the council wrote to the department that they had engaged two professional men, who are now on the work of bringing the books and accounts into accordance with the requirements of the department and the regulations under the Local Government Act.

"I was glad to see in yesterday's 'Herald' Mr. Mander Ross's endorsement of my statement that there had been no interference, on the part of the Government or of myself with his work at Broken Hill, and that he had no intention of giving the public that impression."

The Minister for Works added that when Mr. Mander Ross called upon him, shortly after returning from Broken Hill, "Mr. Ross, in answer to my question as to whether the finances of the council were in proper order, said that they were all right before he left. Thus the criticism of Mr. Notting really applies to a condition of things that has ceased to exist."

INSPECTOR WISEMAN'S REMARKS.

The remarks of Chief Sanitary Inspector Wiseman, to which objection has been taken by some of the aldermen, were made while presenting a souvenir to Mr. Ross on behalf of the staff. Mr. Wiseman said that they desired to show their appreciation of Mr. Ross, and they all felt that he had been most unjustly treated by means of underground engineering. Although Mr. Ross was leaving Broken Hill, the staff would do what they could to see that he was placed in the proper light before the public, and as one of those present had already said, "Leave that to us."

Mr. Ross said that he desired to tell the staff that he appreciated the loyal manner in which they had worked with him in the face of a hard fight against ignorance, prejudice, and even worse matters. The only thing he regretted was that it was leaving the other members of the staff in the lurch.

MOTION FOR PUBLICATION.

LOST ON MAYOR'S CASTING VOTE.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

At Tuesday night's meeting of the City Council Alderman Bowen moved,—"That Inspector Notting's report and accompanying letters from the Commissioner be made available to the ratepayers." He said the report was against the whole of the aldermen, and particularly against the working of the office. It would be for the benefit of the council to have the report made available.

Alderman Wickes seconded the motion, though he did not think the report was half as bad as the public opinion made it.

Alderman Doe opposed. The report was a confidential one. Suggestions had been made, which had been followed up. Even Mr. Ross when in Broken Hill said it was not necessary the report should be published.

Alderman Warnock saw an election move in the sudden morality of the independent aldermen.

After much argument, during which the independents said they did not mind the publication being delayed until after the elections, a division was taken. Five independent aldermen voted for the motion, and five Labour aldermen against it.

The Mayor (Labour) gave his casting vote against it.

The council also discussed the action of the sanitary inspector, Mr. Wiseman, in making certain remarks at the send-off to Mr. Mander Ross on December 29. The matter was allowed to drop.

A COMPARISON.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Alderman Wickes, in the course of a municipal election address, said that in Broken Hill £8000 was owing in rates, and yet there were 16 men in the office. In Port Pirie, where there were only two men in the office, only £19 was owing.

BERRIMA HOSPITAL.

STATE GOVERNOR OPENS ADDITIONS.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

New additions to Berrima District Hospital, which have been carried out at a cost of about £1250, and which bring the total accommodation of the institution up to 23 beds, were formally opened this afternoon by his Excellency the State Governor, in the presence of a large and fashionable gathering, and in beautiful weather. His Excellency was expected by motor car, which, however, broke down on the road. Fortunately he was able to commandeer a sulky to resume the journey, and, escorted by the Robertson Lancers, under the command of Lieutenants Wood and Warby, he arrived at the hospital about a quarter of an hour after the appointed time. He was met by the patron, members of the committee, and the medical staff, and escorted through the hospital. The Governor, who was accompanied by Captain Dumaresq, A.D.C., made an inspection of the wards, and conversed with the patients. Afterwards an address of welcome was read and presented by the patron, Mr. Gavin George. A gold key was presented to his Excellency by Mr. Murray Campbell, vice-president.

His Excellency congratulated all on their hospital. He spoke of the great necessity of further developing the nursing system, particularly in maternity cases, and to the great need of giving better attention to the teeth of children.

A vote of thanks to his Excellency was moved by Mr. J. Mealing, vice-president, and carried by hearty cheers. Among the donations announced were £150 each from Messrs. Samuel and Anthony Hordern.

SWEATERS SUPPORT LABOUR.

COMPOSITORS' WAGES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A deputation from the Melbourne Typographical Society to-day asked the Minister for Labour (Mr. Murray) not to appoint a special wages board for the country printing trade, but to extend the scope of the present board. The deputation told the Minister that the general run of wages in country printing offices was from 30s to 35s a week. In one case, a general printer, working in an office in a prosperous district, received 25s for 60 hours' work. The country employees were not organised, and it would therefore be difficult for them to obtain any advantage from a board of their own, since the employers' influence would be too great. The Typographical Society was prepared to allow a third rate.

Mr. Murray: "I am sorry to have to tell you that the worst sweaters on the country press are those who strongly support the Labour movement. In one city in Victoria the Conservative paper pays good rates, while the Radical journal pays sweating rates, and then cannot make the business pay." Mr. Murray added that he had received a letter from the Country Press Association asking for a special board, and he would confer with the members of the association in order to ascertain if they were prepared to allow the Typographical Society to try its hand at fixing a scale of wages.

PRESERVATIVES IN MILK.

PROHIBITION OF BORIC ACID.

HOBART, Wednesday.

In connection with the regulations and standard drawn up at the Sydney Food and Drugs Conference, at which this State was represented, exception was taken to the prohibition of the use of boric acid as a preservative in concentrated milk. Advocates for boric acid went so far as to quote Professor Klein, F.R.S., a distinguished bacteriologist, of London, as supporting their case.

In a communication which the chief health officer received by yesterday's mail, Dr. Klein makes the following observations:—"I beg to state that boric acid should not be allowed to be used as a milk preservative. In fact, I do not think that any preservatives should be added to fresh milk, and none to concentrated milk, except, of course, sugar. My researches as to boric preservative show that Dr. Bernstein was not quite correct in saying that boron preservative inhabits only harmless septic bacteria, but is a non-inhabitive power on coli and pathogenic bacteria. All of this is outside the question whether a preservative is required with good, wholesome, fresh milk, or for milk concentrated from clean milk."

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LABOUR TROUBLES.

BUILDING TRADE.

The Builders' Labourers' Union has decided that the secretary (Mr. J. Millard) should attend and watch the proceedings before the Federal Arbitration Court on behalf of the New South Wales branch. Representatives from South Australia and Queensland will also be present. A conference of delegates will be held prior to the court proceedings to discuss the questions to be decided by Mr. Justice Higgins.

VALE OF CLWYDD COLLIERY.

WORK RESUMED.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

Work was commenced yesterday at the Vale of Clwydd colliery, which has been laid idle about two months owing to the dispute between the men and management.

SHOP ASSISTANTS.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The local branch of the Shop Assistants' Federation has decided to call a public meeting to consider making a demand of an all-round 1s rise in wages. The branch has also decided in favour of a wages board, and granting of an award for Broken Hill.

PAINTERS' WAGES.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Informations have been lodged in the Arbitration Court against the Fremantle Harbour Trust and the Fire Brigades Board of Western Australia, alleging that they employed painters at rates lower than those fixed in the award.

LUMPERS' GRIEVANCES.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday.

The lumpers loading sleepers at Bunbury for the Miller's Company have agreed to resume work pending a conference between their representatives and the company as to the methods of slinging sleepers. Until the dispute is ended, however, they will duly sling two tiers of sleepers at a time.

BULLFINCH MINERS' STRIKE.

SOUTHERN CROSS, Wednesday.

Strike matters are without material change, and a settlement is anxiously awaited by all concerned. The leader of the men had a conference with Mr. Morgan, manager of the Proprietary, to-day, but what transpired is not known. However, the leader of the men at Bullfinch states that an early settlement of the labour difficulty may be expected, while it is known that Mr. Morgan is leaving for Kalgoorlie this evening, and it is assumed he intends consulting the Chamber of Mines with a view to an early settlement of the strike. Some definite announcement in this direction may be expected in the course of the next few days.

CASUALTIES.

FALL DOWNSTAIRS.

William Ryan, a boarding-house keeper, aged 79, residing in Argyle-street, Miller's Point, fell downstairs on January 19 and received serious injuries. He was conveyed to Sydney Hospital, where he was admitted for cerebral hemorrhage, and died on Tuesday afternoon.

COLLAPSED IN THE STREET.

William Campbell, about 80 years of age, a resident of Tumut, suddenly collapsed while alighting from a tramcar at Circular Quay. He was conveyed by the Civil Ambulance to Sydney Hospital, where he was admitted and pronounced to be suffering from exhaustion.

Anne Goodfellow, residing in Waterloo-street, Surry Hills, was walking along Adelaide-street about 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning, when she was seized with a violent fit of coughing, resulting in hemorrhage. The Civil Ambulance conveyed her to Sydney Hospital, where she was admitted for internal hemorrhage by Dr. Martin.

THROWN FROM HIS PONY.

About 1 p.m. on Wednesday John Smith, a dealer, aged 39, residing at 19 Cooper-street, Glebe, was riding a pony along Bay-street, Glebe, when he collided with a runaway lorry and was thrown heavily to the ground. The Civil Ambulance conveyed Smith to Sydney Hospital, where Dr. Parry admitted him for fractured jaw, injuries to the face and head, and a fractured collarbone.

MOTOR COLLIDES WITH CYCLIST.

On Tuesday a privately-owned motor car, driven by Frank Carson, about 24 or 25 years of age, was travelling down the Lane Cove-road, Killara, when it collided with Arthur Hodges, a cyclist, residing at St. Ives. Hodges was removed to the North Shore Cottage Hospital, where he was admitted with two ribs broken.

KILLED BY A FALL OF TIMBER.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the Coroner's Court yesterday, when an inquest was held on Harold Thorgenson, who died at the Sydney Hospital on January 17. On the morning of the same day deceased was employed in discharging timber from the ship Almora at Johnson's Bay into a lighter, when a sling of timber which was being hoisted into the air fell owing to the splice drawing out of the hook and striking deceased on the head. The rope was a new one, and the accident appeared to be unaccountable. Deceased, who was 38, and lived at 566 Harris-street, Ultimo, leaves a wife, but no children.

BROKEN ARM.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

A. E. Lowrey, signalman at Mount Kembla crossing, was riding a bicycle with a box of mushrooms in front of him, when he fell and severely fractured his left arm. He will not be able to resume duty for a couple of months.

SUICIDE OF JAPANESE.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

A most determined suicide took place at Mourilyan yesterday, when a Japanese named Okomoto placed a single-barrelled shot-gun under his chin, and shattered his head to pieces.

BERRY, Wednesday.

Humphery Reid, about 30 years of age, a railway fettler, residing at Jasper's Brush, lately residing at Newtown, was working on the line to-day loading sleepers on a trolly, when he suddenly collapsed, and died in a few minutes. The deceased leaves a wife and three young children.

DEFENCE.

UNIVERSAL TRAINING.

INAUGURAL MEETING AT NORTH SYDNEY.

A public meeting was held at the North Sydney School of Arts last night for the purpose of explaining the clauses of the new Defence Bill, and to endeavour to create some local interest in the troops that will be raised in the area. The meeting was brought about by Lieutenant Dakin (area officer).

Prior to the Mayor (Alderman A. G. Milson) taking the chair, the boys, who attended in very large numbers, took entire charge of the hall, and for a time cat-calls and noisy enthusiasm was the order of the evening.

The Mayor read a letter from the Chief Justice, regretting his absence from the inauguration scheme at North Sydney, in which he said, "The matter is one in which I take a very great interest, and I am confident that, apart from the ulterior benefit to the country in the preparation for its defence results of the greatest value are to be expected from the few years' discipline which our youths are to undergo." (Cheers.)

Mr. G. B. Edwards, M.P., delivered an address. He appealed to parents to make the sacrifice asked of them in the interests of the country which was their heritage. He admitted that when compulsory service was first mooted he did not support it, being of opinion that the country could rely on a voluntary spirit, but since then he had altered his mind. It was imperative that all should be trained in the use of arms. A standing army could only be maintained by a heavy burden of taxation, which would fall sorely on the poor, who should, therefore, welcome the personal sacrifice asked of them. He advised them to study the map with Australia in the centre, and they would find it was surrounded by foreign Powers stronger than themselves.

Mr. A. C. Cocks, M.L.A., Mr. G. Taylor (Intelligence Corps), and Lieutenant Dakin (area officer) also spoke, the lastmentioned saying that the number of registration forms received by him were in excess of those received in any other metropolitan area up to the present. The compulsory training was confined to four whole days, 12 half-days, and 24 night parades.

OFFICIAL CABLES.

SWISS MEAT IMPORTATIONS.

(FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.)

LONDON, Jan. 24

It is understood that the Swiss Government intends to authorise cities possessing freezing facilities under State control to import frozen meat, but a permanent permit to import will not be granted at present.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

The Parramatta Court of Quarter Sessions was continued on Wednesday before Judge Docker.

NOT GUILTY.

Margaret Ritchie was charged with being an accessory after the fact to a felony committed by a young man named Warren, at Moss Vale, by harbouring and maintaining him. Accused pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. M'Manamey, instructed by Mr. F. W. Todhunter. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and accused was discharged.

SERIOUS OFFENCES.

Albert Johnson, a youth, convicted on a charge of attempting to commit a serious offence, was brought up for sentence. Accused's solicitor asked that the provisions of the Act relating to first offenders might be applied. His Honor declined on account of prisoner adding to the offence by committing perjury. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour in Grafton Gaol.

Edward Self, found guilty of a serious assault on a girl 15 years of age at Lithgow, and who had several convictions recorded against him, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour in Parramatta Gaol. The prisoner asked to be allowed to petition at the expiry of two years. His Honor declined to accede to the request, stating that he did not make a practice of interfering with the gaol regulations.

Charles Meikleham, who was found guilty on two serious charges, at Sydney, on October 7, 1910, and December 16, was brought up for sentence. Mr. Gannon, K.C., was present, and made an appeal for clemency. The prisoner was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Grafton Gaol, with hard labour, the sentences to be concurrent.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED MURDER.

John Stein, 74, was indicted on charges of shooting at Charles Ernest Byrnes, solicitor, Parramatta, with intent to murder him, on December 17 last. There were two other counts of intent to do grievous bodily harm and assault. The accused, who pleaded not guilty, was defended by Mr. E. R. O'Conor, instructed by Mr. F. W. Todhunter.

The case for the prosecution was that as Mr. Byrnes was going to his business at 9 o'clock along Station-street, Harris Park, accused accosted him on the footpath, having just emerged from the side of a galvanised-iron shed, and, presenting a double-barrelled gun at the middle of Byrnes' body, said, "Mr. Byrnes, you robbed me, and now I am going to settle you." He then fired. Byrnes jumped to one side and ducked, and ran across the road, and whilst running heard another shot. Accused then walked off to the Parramatta railway station, got into a cab, and went to the police station to give himself up.

The evidence for the defence was that Stein had no intention of doing any harm to Byrnes; that he fired the first shot in the air, and the second at a fence on the other side of the road. He only fired to frighten Byrnes into giving him certain information about a will. After Mr. Byrnes' explanation at the hearing in the lower court, he was satisfied that Mr. Byrnes had done no wrong.

The defendant was found not guilty on the two first counts, and guilty on the third count. He was remanded for sentence.

A NEW POLITICAL PARTY.

BATHURST TO LEAD THE WAY.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

When speaking at the Masonic Hall on Monday evening Mr. Miller said he would not talk politics. However, Bathurst people must watch things in the future. People in Bathurst had led the way when federation was in the air, and might be called upon again in the future to lead the way in politics. Bathurst, he said, was the most democratic community in New South Wales, and the existence of the people's party might come from the people of Bathurst in future. There might be this new party in New South Wales as soon as all the people get the idea into their heads that political parties as they existed to-day were for the benefit of one side or the other. They would hear something further in this direction.

FRUIT SHIPMENTS.

RECORD TASMANIAN SEASON.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The shipments of apples and pears from Tasmania this season to places beyond Australia and New Zealand promise to be the heaviest in the history of the State. Altogether a fleet of 30 steamers have been engaged to leave Hobart, commencing February 17, and ending June 16. The consignments will total nearly 800,000 cases, or 190,000 cases more than last year.

Shipments will be sent to London, Liverpool, New York, Germany, and South America. The steamers to load are the Orontes, Macedonia, Medic, Orsova, India, Suffolk, Otranto, Moldavia, Afric, Otway, Papanui, Mongolia, Essex, Orvieto, Suevic, Mosea, Themistocles, Omrah, Persic, Runic, Arawa, Tainui, Ionic, Arcanius, Pera, Hector, Orestes, Sarpedon, and two others to be fixed.

IRISH BLIGHT.

PRECAUTION IN TASMANIA.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The chief inspector, Mr. T. A. Tabart, has returned from the north-west coast, where he has been inquiring into the outbreak of Irish blight. The strictest instructions had been given for the rigid inspection, this being carried out at ports of shipment, and any potatoes showing the slightest sign of disease would be rejected.

The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. A. Hean) said that pending a conference of Ministers, which he expected to take place at an early date, no action other than the carrying out of the strict inspection and spraying in the field, was being taken.

BALLINA'S PROGRESS.

LIT BY ELECTRICITY.

BALLINA, Wednesday.

The opening ceremony in connection with the installation of electric light in the municipality took place to-day, when the Mayor formally christened the generator, and the current was switched on to the town.

Subsequently an adjournment was made to the Masonic Hall, where a light luncheon was provided by the Provincial Electric Supply Company, and a large assemblage of citizens and visitors sat down. Congratulatory speeches were made by the Mayor and aldermen. The toasts honoured were "The King," "The Municipality," "The Provincial Electric Supply Company," and "The Visitors." General satisfaction is expressed with the work and excellence of the light.

GOLD SHIPMENTS.

FOR LONDON AND HONGKONG.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Gold shipments from Melbourne to-day by the Osterley consisted of £20,000 for London, shipped by the Orient S.N. Company. Shipments for Hongkong include £1000 per Changsha and £3400 per Yawata Maru.

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DREDGES FOR MELBOURNE.

SYDNEY TENDER ACCEPTED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Harbour Trust to-day considered recommendations of the Works, Dredging, and Stores Committee in connection with the purchase of dredges. The recommendations were:—(1) That the Commissioners accept the lowest tender, that of the Wilton's Engineering and Slipway Company, of 9 New Broad-street, London, and Rotterdam, at £24,950; (2) that the Commissioners obtain from the Public Works Department of New South Wales a dredge for the sum of £31,690, as per the plans and specifications, and in the terms of the department's tender.

Commissioner Tucker said he would go "tooth and nail" for the acceptance of the tender of the Public Works Department of New South Wales. The committee had exceeded its duty in recommending the acceptance of two tenders. Personally, he would support the second tender, and let the others tender again if they choose to do so. If the Commissioners were any sort of protectionists at all they would deal with tender No. 2 first.

Commissioner Sinclair said that the dredges should be bought in Australia, even if they cost a little more.

Commissioner Trapp said that he would vote for tender No. 2, in the hope that when others were requisitioned Victorian firms would tender.

Commissioner Duckett said that two dredges immediately were an absolute necessity.

The voting for acceptance of the Dutch tender was equal, but the chairman gave his casting vote in its favour, and it was carried. Subsequently it was unanimously decided to also accept No. 2 tender.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

NEW RECORD BY WICKHAM.

HARDWICK DEFEATS LONGWORTH.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The Australian amateur swimming championships were continued to-night at the Booroodabin Baths. The principal events resulted:—

Interstate Handicap, 60yds.—L. White (Q.), 1; T. Nevitt (Q.), 2; J. Hedger (Q.), 3. Time, 36 3-5s.

Breast-stroke Championship of Australia.—A. Wickham (N.S.W.), 1; E. G. Finlay (Western Australia), 2; I. Mendoza (Q.), 3. Time, 1m 19 3-5s. Some difficulty occurred in Wickham's time, which was given as 1m 13 4-5s, this making a substantial reduction in the world's record time. The second man was T. Richardson (Victoria), with Finlay third. All the competitors were disqualified on the ground that they had not swum square all the way, or touched with both hands. The race was ordered to be re-swum, with the result given above.

880yds Championship.—Hardwick (N.S.W.), 1; Longworth (N.S.W.), 2; Springfield (Q.), 3. Finlay retired at 120 to go. Hardwick won by 6yds, with Longworth and Springfield close together. Time, 12m 17⅘s.

Wickham put up a new world's record of 31s for the 60yds. The previous record was 31 2-5s.

PROTECTING ABORIGINES.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ACT.

PERTH, Wednesday.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day, the Aborigines Act Amendment Bill having passed its second reading, Mr. Johnson (Labour) moved in committee for the insertion of a provision for the payment by employers of aborigines of such wages as the Protector of Aborigines considered reasonable. His object, he said, was to do away with the granting of permits to enable employers to work natives without giving them remuneration. The money paid to the Protector should be used on behalf of indigent natives.

The Minister for Mines (Mr. Gregory) opposed the motion, and said it would appear bad to outsiders for the State to indenture natives, fix charges, and then take the money they earned. He also pointed out that pastoralists treated natives well, and supplied clothing to many who were not employed on the stations.

The amendment was defeated, and the bill passed through committee.

LAND COURT TROUBLE.

TERMS OF RETIREMENT.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

In connection with the Land Court, it is believed that leave of absence is regarded as one of the conditions attaching to the offer recently made by Mr. Sword and Mr. Woodbine to the Minister for Lands.

In his communication, the Minister made no mention of leave of absence, consequently there is a possibility that the members may not feel inclined to agree to any proposition which does not include some such provision. It is possible the term of their retirement on pension may be portion, if not the whole term, previously stipulated for. It is not unlikely that the third member (Mr. Heeney) may deem it necessary to take any action in unison with his colleagues.

MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT.

BUNDANOON, Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Mitchell, a very old resident of the district, was sitting on the back verandah of his residence in Church-street, when he was mysteriously shot, a bullet from a pea-rifle striking him in the left shoulder. He was taken to Moss Vale for medical treatment. The bullet was located, embedded in the bone, and could not be removed.

KING ISLAND.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Director of Agriculture (Mr. A. H. Benson) has returned from a visit of inspection to King Island. He says he was very favourably impressed with the possibilities of the island for dairying purposes. It was admirably adapted to the growing of clover and other grasses.

BATMAN VACANCY.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The following nominations have been received for the extraordinary vacancy for the Batman electorate, caused by the death of Mr. H. E. Beard:—Frank Brennan (Labour), barrister and solicitor; F. S. M. O'Neill (Liberal), cordial manufacturer.

Polling is to take place on February 8.

POSTAL CONFERENCE.

HOBART, Wednesday.

In the absence of the Postmaster-General, who went to the springs, Mr. Young, the Deputy Postmaster-General, of N.S.W., presided over the sittings of the Postal Conference to-day, which gave further consideration to the report of the Royal Commission. Mr. Young stated that good progress was being made with it.

There is a considerable amount of business still to be transacted, and it is anticipated that the conference will sit for some days yet.

BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The city council on Tuesday night adopted a minute from the Mayor drawing the attention of the Minister for Works to the urgency of making necessary arrangements for getting a supplementary water supply for Broken Hill, as Stephens Creek, it is alleged, will only last until early in March. The Mayor also said the water in Imperial dam was getting very low, and would last about a month if the municipal baths were not filled again. The council decided that no more water should be put into the baths until the dam supply was replenished.

TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Information received by the Premier, Mr. Wilson, indicates the probability of a conference of the principal officers in the various States being held in Melbourne next month to discuss the treatment of tuberculosis. Dr. Hope will represent this State.

GOLD FOR COLOMBO.

FREMANTLE, Wednesday.

The steamer China, which sailed on Monday, shipped 30 boxes, containing 175,000 sovereigns, for Colombo.

MOTOR CATCHES FIRE.

On Tuesday evening Theodore Andrews, a chauffeur in the employ of the Carter and Vans Central Motor Garage, city, was driving a 24-h.p. Ford motor-car through Centennial Park, when, owing to the engine short-circuiting, it back-fired into the carburetter, causing the car to take fire. Seeing that the flames were springing up round the petrol tanks, Andrews quickly jumped out of the car, which exploded a few minutes afterwards, blowing half the body away. No assistance being available in time, the fire burnt itself out, leaving the machine, which was insured for £200, a total wreck.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

LOAN OF £2,100,000.

PERTH, Wednesday.

This afternoon the Legislative Assembly passed the Aborigines' Amendment Bill, and then resumed the debate on the second reading of the University Bill.

The Premier has given notice of his intention to introduce a loan bill of £2,100,000 for railway construction and works.

The Legislative Council is engaged in committee on the health bill, from which it has struck out the conscience clause in regard to compulsory vaccination.

NEWCASTLE.

COAL AND OTHER EXPORTS.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The following vessels were cleared at the Newcastle Customs-house to-day:—Marama, s, for Wellington, via Sydney, with 2200 tons bunkers, quantity timber; Strathlorne, s, for Melbourne, with 200 tons bunkers and through cargo; Strathgyle, s, for Manila, with 5830 tons coal, 987 tons bunkers; Jessie Craig, bq, for Auckland, with 964 tons coal; Kooyong, s, for Adelaide, with 3350 tons coal, 220 tons bunkers, 1 dynamo engine and parts, 2 baskets machinery; Era, s, for Melbourne, with 1000 tons coal, 120 tons bunkers.

QUEER FISH.

FOUND IN ENCOUNTER BAY.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Mr. Cain Rumbelow, a member of a well-known Encounter Bay family, found in a crayfish pot near Rosetta Head a queer-looking creature, the like of which he and other seafaring folk in the locality had never seen before. They were unable even to name the genus it belongs to. In shape and size it is almost a perfect image of a bicycle saddle, and in colouring on either side takes after a stingaray. The creature was dead when discovered, and Rumbelow lost no time in sending it to the Adelaide Museum. Evidently it was a slow swimmer, because its only apparent means of propulsion is a small elevated, fan-like tail in keeping with general quaintness of its structure.

Some time ago Rumbelow captured a shark, whose species quite baffled the museum authorities, and also the English scientists to whom it was submitted. There was a weed growing on it, and eventually the authorities in the old country named it the basking shark.

SYDNEY-MELBOURNE MAILS.

TRAINS RUN ERRATICALLY.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

On five or six occasions lately the Sydney express has been behind time in arrival at Spencer-street. When the train arrives on time city business people are able to send replies to urgent letters on the same day by the express for Sydney. They have complained vigorously to the Postal Department of the irregularity of the delivery of the express mails during the past few weeks, and the postal officials have shifted the burden on to the railway department.

The Sydney express to-day was an hour late in reaching Spencer-street. The railway officials explained that the delay was due to the late arrival of the Sydney section of the express at Albury. The Sydney section has been running erratically. Owing to representations of the Postal Department the railway authorities have placed themselves in communication with the New South Wales department, with a view to improvement.

ELECTIONS PROBLEM.

CANDIDATES' RATES UNPAID.

CAMDEN, Wednesday.

The municipal authorities here are in a quandary as to the action to be taken in the next election, fixed for Saturday.

Fifteen nominations have been received for nine seats, and of those persons nominated only five have paid sanitary fees to the date of nomination, and seven to the end of last year.

There is no provision in the Act discoverable to deal with the contingency, and the returning officer is conferring with the Local Government Department as to the course to be taken.

MURDER CHARGES.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday.

A special sitting of the Criminal Court will be held early next month to try a Japanese named Setto, charged with the murder of a Frenchwoman named Margaret de Four; and also to hear the case against Alfred Wilson Smart, who is charged with the murder of Ethel Harris.

PITT-STREET TRAM FATALITY.

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER.

At the City Coroner's Court yesterday the inquest on William Wright, cabdriver, who died at the Sydney Hospital on December 22 through injuries received on December 3, was concluded. Deceased was driving down Pitt-street in the afternoon, and nearly opposite the School of Arts had to pass an enclosure where excavations were being carried on. A tram, which was coming the other way, struck the cab-wheel as it rounded the enclosure, throwing Wright to the ground, and fracturing his skull. Wright was removed by the Civil Ambulance to the Sydney Hospital, and died on the 22nd.

Evidence was given by several witnesses that the driver of the tram was able to see the cab in time to stop the tram before reaching the enclosure. The tram was travelling at a high speed, but the slightest reduction of speed would have averted the accident. No gong was sounded or other warning given until too late, and the speed was not reduced sufficiently. The cab was from 25 to 30 yards away from the tram when first seen, and the tram was not pulled up till three or four car-lengths from the scene of the accident. Deceased was a teetotaller.

William Ernest Sawyer, driver of the tram in question, stated that he first saw the cab about 40 yards away, and sounded his gong very loudly. He thought the cab was going to stop behind the enclosure, and just as he passed the arcade he shut his power off. Both, however, continued to advance, and the cab came out on to the track about six or eight yards away. Sawyer kept ringing his bell, and the cab-driver put up his hand, and called out, "Whoa." Sawyer applied the emergency, but the distance was too short. He was travelling about five or six miles an hour when he struck the cab, and he was ringing his gong constantly from Adams' Hotel till he struck the cab, and slackened his speed about at the arcade. The reason why he did not pull up under two car-lengths was that the tram skidded. He did not think the cab meant to pass the enclosure until he had done so.

A verdict of manslaughter was returned. Sawyer was committed for trial.

CONGESTED VEHICLE FERRY TRAFFIC.

The inconvenience to business people, caused by the cutting off of the Blue's Point vehicular service, is growing worse every day. As pointed out on the 19th inst, the traffic from Dawes Point is still being conveyed by way of Milson's Point. The pontoon at Blue's Point was swamped on 12th inst during the storm. The North Sydney Council (to whom it belongs) had it raised by the 16th, after three days' hard pumping, but it had to go to dock for repairs before being safe to place in position again.

The Mayor of North Sydney (Alderman A. G. Milson) interviewed the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the purpose of ascertaining whether that body could loan a punt pending the repairing of the pontoon. It was found that the only punt suitable and available would require some repairs and alterations, involving a cost of £150, and that it would not be available for a fortnight. During the time it would be used a rental of £1 a week was demanded, the Trust also holding the council responsible for the stability of the punt, and its return in as good condition as it was received. The council's engineer reported that the bumping the punt would receive during mooring operations would make these conditions impracticable. The Trust would require the punt (if damaged) to be replaced, or a sum of £500 paid over as compensation.

The whole matter was brought before the North Sydney Council on Tuesday night. The terms of the Trust, after being freely discussed, were rejected. Ultimately it was decided to push on the repairs to the old pontoon as quickly as possible, and the Mayor was authorised to carry out the wishes of the council.

In the meantime the Sydney Ferries, Ltd., has agreed to disregard the quarter-hourly timetable on the Fort Macquarie-Milson's Point route, and run boats as quickly and as often as they can be loaded, so as to minimise the public inconvenience.

On Sunday next the first steamer will leave Milson's Point at 7.15 a.m., and Macquarie Point at 7.30 a.m. On Wednesday and Saturday nights the time table will be extended till 1 a.m. on the following morning instead of 12 midnight, as at present.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Jan. 25.

Tofua, s, 4343 tons, Captain Holford, from Auckland, Tonga, Samoa, and Fiji. Passengers—Misses Ahearn, Littlewood, Lindsay, Duncan, Cleopatra, Benita, Linehan, Marrinon, Scott, Gilmour, Rohr, Morgan, Sister St. Joseph, Mesdames Hunter, Wilkinson, Bluden, Jira, Stroud, Carter, Ogilvie and child, Turner, Hickson and child, Robbie, Caldwell, Brown, Butler and 2 children, Purdon, Linehan, Thomson, Gordon and 5 children, Morgan, Krafft, Roberts and child, Humphries, Messrs. Guisbach Pere, W. S. Tait, Hollingworth, S. H. Wilson, Hitchmann, Gutteridge, Coady, Collins, H. Salwey, S. W. Smith, Thomson, Linehan, Sturton, Downey, Albert, Brierly, Gillett, C. Fenner, Butler, Rev. Mr. Brown, Caldwell, P. Gordon, Wilson, Greenland, Carter, Finney, Bluden, Jessop, Martin, Wilkinson, J. Johnston, C. Kimpton, R. Ross, C. Wictns, MacArthur, Masters Nufnagel, Kaad (2), Lievan, Freeman, Sunderland, Morgan, Cleary (2), Chambers, and 15 in the steerage. Union S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Coblenz, G.M.S., 3130 tons, Captain Bargoner, from Kobe, via ports. Passengers—For Sydney: Mr. and Mrs. S. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. T. De Rust, Rev. Father William O'Sullivan, Messrs. W. H. Wright, C. B. Hegginson, A. Sohr, Fischer, H. Ellis, G. S. Herne, F. M. Naskeso, C. L. McIlacy, and A. C. Linsley. For Melbourne: Mr. and Mrs. J. Ronagoz and Mr. J. Konasterio. Lohmann and Co., agents.

Myra Fell, s, 3024 tons, Captain Hawkins, from South Australia. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Paloona, s, 2771 tons, Captain M'Beth, from Newcastle. Union S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Sydney, s, 1989 tons, Captain C. Roy, from Newcastle. Melbourne S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Armadale, s, 4172 tons, Captain Yates, from Port Pirie. Birt and Co., Ltd., agents.

COASTWISE. Hunter, s, from Newcastle.

DEPARTURES.—Jan. 25.

Volador, bqtn, for New Zealand.
Montcalm, French armoured cruiser, for Melbourne.
Tropic, s, for Dunkirk, London, and Liverpool, via ports.
Changsha, s, for Manila, China, and Japan, via ports.
Buninyong, s, for Rockhampton, via ports.
Maheno, s, for Auckland.
Yarra, F.M.S., for Noumea.
Moorabool, s, for Newcastle.
Antiope, bq, for Newcastle.
Guthrie, s, for Newcastle.
Yawata Maru, J.M.S., for Manila, China, and Japan.
Gowanburn, s, for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—Jan. 25.

Maheno, s, 5282 tons, Captain Livingstone, for Auckland direct. Passengers: Lieut. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Carey and child, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cumming, Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Withy, Mr. and Mrs. Paull, Mr. and Mrs. Ward and child, Mr. and Mrs. Gipp, Mr. and Mrs. Turner and son, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Trermayne, Mr. and Mrs. Drysdale, Mr. and Mrs. Field, Capt. and Mrs. Hosking. Mesdames Chrystall, Pinchaff, Richard, Black, Grandison, Syers, Marshall, Thomas, Smith, Holroyde, Carrick, Curtens, Packer, Martin, Dawes. Misses Chrystall (2), Pinchaff, Richard, Hall (2), Black, Withy, Hall, Addison (2), Winks (2), Edwards, Broderick, Hume (2), Baker, Bagot, Marshall (2), Tay, R. M'Mahon, Wilcox, Anderson, M. Baker, Findlay (3), Ward (3), Irwin, Seward, Meadowcroft, Haynes, Wilkinson, M'Lean, Newman, Hardwicke, Parker, Live, Starman. Messrs. E. J. Newlands, L. M'Lennan, J. Booth, W. Paxton, D. Solomon, A. Hutchinson, Strick, Morony, W. Rutherford, Cohen, Boyne, Tait, W. Drake, W. Poole, Beberdy, T. A. Sims, Collins, G. L. Brown, C. Hoad, Capt. Richard, Richard, Reeves, C. Thomas, Addison, Master Ballantyne, G. Stewart, J. Halgate, Rev. M'Kee, Ridley, Stirling, Anderson, Edwards, A. Tauffe, Devonshire, Femelly, Clark, Ward, Bass, M'Donald, C. Murphy, Killen, Hendry, Fulton, Bradly, Wylie, Gamboni, Hooper, Tracey, Dean, Wilson, Barkley, Allen, Lord, Owen, White, Abbott, Mertm, Bannie, Craig, M'Lean, Col. Hoskings, G. and A. Marshall, Bradley, Toucheheuf.

Changsha, s, 2269 tons, Captain Finlayson, for Hong Kong, via ports.

Yawata Maru, J.M.S., 3817 tons, Captain Sekine, for Japan, via ports.

Buninyong, s, 2070 tons, Captain Maine, for Brisbane and Rockhampton.

Altona, s, 4312 tons, Captain Shaw, for Newcastle.

Americana, 4-mstd. bqtn, 829 tons, Captain Benson, for Frisco, via Newcastle.

Antiope, bq, 1380 tons, Captain Matheson, for the west coast, via Newcastle.

Tropic, s, 8230 tons, Captain Hickson, for London and Liverpool.

Gowanburn, s, 4274 tons, Captain Kirkwood, for Newcastle.

Somerset, s, 7150 tons, Captain Hayward, for Brisbane.

Moorabool, s, 2996 tons, Captain Dunstan, for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Jan. 26.

Somerset, s, for London, via Brisbane; Americana, 4-m. bqtn, for Newcastle; Worms, s, for Antwerp and Hamburg; Merimbula, s, for Bermagui, Tathra, Merimbula, and Eden; Namoi, s, for Newcastle; Ramornie, s, for the Richmond.

ENTERED OUTWARDS.—Jan. 25.

Genoa, ktch, for Rockhampton.

Sussex, s (F.H.S. line), is being docked at Port Chalmers to have repaired the damage sustained at Las Palmas.

Aorangi, s (Union line), is due at Wellington from San Francisco on 2nd prox. On arrival at Auckland she will go into the Calliope Dock for cleaning and painting.

Solgran, bq, is en route from Lyttelton to the Great Barrier, where she loads for Sydney.

Coblenz, s, from Kobe, via ports, takes up a berth at the N.D.L. Wharf, Circular Quay, at 6 a.m. to-day.

Moana, R.M.S., from Vancouver, via ports, is berthed at Flood's Wharf.

Marama, s, arrives from Newcastle to-day and will leave for New Zealand to-morrow.

Moeraki, s, from Sydney, arrived at Wellington at 8 a.m. yesterday.

Kaiapoi, s, from Sydney, arrived at Dunedin at 8 a.m. yesterday.

Wimmera, s, which left Auckland on Monday evening, is due to-morrow probably about noon.

Westralia, s, leaves Hobart this morning, and is due in Sydney on Saturday.

Matunga, s, sails to-morrow from the Federal Wharf.

Clan Colquhoun, s, will be moved to the Admiralty Wharf at 6.30 to-morrow morning.

Port Pirie, s, will be moved from the stream to Woolwich Dock early to-morrow morning.

Worms, s, will be moved to the stream at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

Loch Etive, bq, was moved to the Edward-street Wharf at 11 a.m. yesterday.

Gottingen, s, will be moved to Darling Island at 6 a.m. to-day.

Mantua, R.M.S., will be moved to off Cremorne at 5.30 a.m. to-day, and back to the P. and O. Wharf at 16 this evening.

Malwa, R.M.S., will be moved to the P. and O. buoy at 6.30 this morning.

MOVEMENTS OF OVERSEA VESSELS.

Artemis, Nor, s, which left Natal last month, is to be docked on arrival at Sydney.

The Reichenbach (German-Australian line) arrived at Suez on Monday, homeward bound.

Eastern, s, from Japan, via ports, left Brisbane at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was expected to berth at the E. and A. wharf, Circular Quay, at 7.30 on Friday morning, but the grounding might prevent this.

Van Waerwyck, s, on arrival from Melbourne tomorrow night, will berth at the China Navigation wharf.

Atua, s, from Fiji, arrived at Auckland at 8 a.m. yesterday, and was to sail at 5 p.m. for Sydney, via Suva.

Malwa, R.M.S., is due to arrive this morning from London, via ports.

COBLENZ, FROM KOBE.

The German mail steamer Coblenz, which arrived yesterday from Japan, via Hongkong and New Guinea, left Yokohama on 22nd ult. with mail, passengers, and varied cargo. She called en route at Kuchinotsu on Dec. 25, arriving at Hongkong on 29th. That port was left on the last day of the year with a full complement of saloon passengers. Manila was reached on 3rd inst. Leaving the same day the vessel called at West Carolines Island on 8th inst, Hermit Island on 11th, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen (German New Guinea) on 13th, and Rabaul (Simpson Harbour) on 15th. Thence the vessel travelled via Samarai. The ship brings general cargo from the East, silks from Japan, 400 tons of copra from Hermit Island and Rabaul. At the lastmentioned port a small consignment of shell was shipped. It was a fairly smooth passage. Light westerly winds prevailed from Yokohama to Hongkong, thence to Manila north-easterly to northerly winds with slight sea, and easterly to north-easterly winds to New Guinea coast. A light south-easterly wind was met on 20th inst, and on sighting Sandy Cape light before midnight, 21st inst, increased to a strong breeze. The vessel anchored off Rushcutter Bay, and the passengers were landed by tender. She will go to the N.D.L. wharf, Circular Quay, at 6 a.m. to-day.

CHANGSHA, FOR JAPAN.

The China Navigation Company's steamer Changsha left Dalgety's new wharf, Miller's Point, yesterday, for Manila, China, and Japan, via ports, with the following passengers:—Mr. and Mrs. Cunew, Mr. and Mrs. Langford, Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly and two children, Mr. Pepper, Mr. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Teal, and a number in other classes.

Cargo by the vessel comprised 50 cs jam, 6660 bgs flour, 200 bls merchandise, 300 sleepers, 1 box gold coin shipped to Hongkong by Chinese merchants, 3 casks pelts, and 50 sks fungus.

HYMETTUS, FOR CALCUTTA.

A. Currie's liner Hymettus, which left yesterday for Calcutta, carried as part cargo 5955 bars lead, 63 cases fruits, and large quantity of timber.

CARGO BY YAWATA MARU.

Yawata Maru, J.M.S., which sailed yesterday for Manila, China, and Japan, carried as part cargo 404 sacks oats, 292 bgs bark, 2325 bls wool, 80 bxs, 15 cs butter, 11 bs, 17 pipes tallow, 3970 bgs fertiliser, 188 bgs bones, 8555 ingots copper, and 48 bgs shells.

TOFUA FROM THE ISLANDS.

Tofua, s, which arrived last night, left Auckland at 7 p.m. on 4th, called at Nukualofa, Haapai, Vavau, Apia, Mulifunua, Levuka, Suva, and Lautoka. She left the last-mentioned port at 7 p.m. on 19th inst, experienced calm seas but showery weather in the islands. Leaving Lautoka she met with fine weather till Monday morning, then it continued showery, with moderate sea, till within a few hours of arrival. The cargo comprises:—23,900 sks copra, 500 sks shells, 240 sks cocoa beans, 28 sks bark, 7300 bunches bananas, 1021 cs bananas, 43 sks fungus, 18 sks kave, 13 sks beche de mer, and quantity sundries.

ROSEDALE WRECK.

Engineers are now at work on the wrecked steamer Rosedale, doing their utmost to get her off the Bellinger bar. The Navigation Department is watching these exertions with considerable interest, for at any time the wreck may become a serious menace to navigation.

MOTOR LAUNCH AT AUCTION.

Fraser, Uther, and Co., Ltd., will offer at auction, at their rooms, Spring-street, at 11.30 a.m., to-morrow, the motor launch Lackawanna, length 38ft, beam 6ft 6in. The launch can be inspected at Eveston's boatshed, Rose Bay.

ARMADALE IN HEAVY WEATHER.

The steamer Armadale, from Port Pirie, which arrived last night and anchored in Rose Bay, had rough weather across, including terrific rainfalls.

BIG WHEAT CARGO.

The tramp steamer Strathleven, which left on Tuesday for the Channel, via Las Palmas, took from Sydney 78,245 bags wheat, shipped by Messrs. John Darling and Son.

BARBOUND VESSELS.

The steamers Duroby, Duranbah, and Friendship, were barbound at the Tweed last night on account of the heavy sea and the bar shoaling. At the Nambucca Heads the steamers Myee and Our Elsie, and the ketch Myall and Lansdowne were confined by similar conditions; and at Cape Hawke, where the bar is too shallow for the tug to pass out, the Tuncurry was barbound also. At the Manning Heads the state of the bar was such as to prevent the steamer Wandra and the ketch Alfred Fenning from proceeding to sea.

FRESH CHARTERS.

Glendevon, s, 4129 tons, Bunbury to a port not disclosed, jarrah; Ilford, s, 4266 tons, Newcastle to West Coast, coal; Madura, s, 4484 tons, Bunbury to a port not disclosed, jarrah; Nolisement, s, 3828 tons, South Australia to U.K. or Continent, wheat; Snowdonian, s, 3870 tons (rechartered), Newcastle to West Coast, coal; Fingal, 4-m bq, 2435 tons, Amsterdam to Adelaide, general; Glückstadt, sh, 1736 tons, Newcastle to West Coast, coal; Oberon, 4-m bqtne, 1054 tons, Newcastle to West Coast, coal; Pleione, bq, 997 tons, Newcastle to Timaru, coal; Seefahrer, 4-m bq, 2067 tons, Newcastle to West Coast, coal; Jessie Craig, bq, 633 tons, Hokianga to Melbourne, timber.

HARBOUR COLLISION.

While the barque Loch Etive (1235 tons) was being towed from Dalton's wharf yesterday by the tug Eleanor to a berth at the Darling Island new jetty the steamer Bellinger (229 tons), owned by Allen Taylor and Co., Ltd., whilst making for the railway iron wharf, Darling Harbour, came into collision with her. The jib-boom of the barque was splintered slightly. The "brush" also caused both vessels to lose some paint. They cleared themselves very quickly, and proceeded to their respective berths.

BAR HARBOURS.

Telegrams were received yesterday concerning the following bar harbours:—Manning Heads, no soundings obtainable; Nambucca Heads, bar too rough to take soundings, appears to be working north and shoaling; Cape Hawke, bar shoaled up, unable to get out with tug, 4ft at high water; Ballina, bar 12ft, inner channel 11ft 6in at low water; Port Macquarie, bar 9ft 6in, crossing 7ft 9in, rise 2ft 6in.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING.

THURSDAY ISLAND (1958m).—Dep: Jan. 24, Wodonga, s, for Burketown.

CAIRNS (1418m).—Arr: Jan. 24, Mintaro, s, from Newcastle. Dep: Jan. 24, St. Albans, s, for Japan. Jan. 25, Grantala, s, for Melbourne.

TOWNSVILLE (1258m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Wyandra, s, from Sydney.

KEPPEL BAY (860m).—Dep: Jan. 25, Wyreema, s, for Brisbane.

GLADSTONE (882m).—Dep: Jan. 25, Bingera, s, for Brisbane.

MARYBOROUGH (690m).—Arr: Jan. 24, Sylvan, s, from Mackay.

BRISBANE (516m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Queensland, s, from Maryborough. Dep: Jan. 25, Cooma, s, Ophir, R.M.S., Eastern, s, all for Sydney; Musgrave, s, for Bundaberg.

TWEED HEADS (374m).—Jan. 25, Duranbah, Duroby, and Friendship bar bound; bar too shallow and rough. Passed: Ellerslie, s, at 1.30 p.m., south.

BYRON BAY (345m).—Dep: Jan. 24, Cavanbah, s, at 8.5 p.m.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (331m).—Passed: Jan. 25, Allinga, s, at 9.15 a.m.; A.U.S.N. steamer, at 9.30 a.m., both south.

CLARENCE HEADS (298m).—Dep: Jan. 25, Burringbar, s, at 6.55 a.m.

SOUTH SOLITARY (246m).—Passed: Jan. 25, Adelaide S.S. Company's steamer, at 11.20 a.m.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (228m).—Jan. 25, Myee, s, Our Elsie, s, Myall, ktch, Lansdowne, ktch, all bar bound; sea too heavy.

SOUTH-WEST ROCKS (209m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Yulgilbar, s, at 2.20 p.m. Dep: Neptune, dredge, at 7 a.m.; Sara Hunter, ktch, at 8 a.m.

SMOKY CAPE (208m).—Passed: Jan. 25, Neptune, dredge, at 7.45 a.m.; Ouraka, s, at 4.45 p.m., Sara Hunter, ktch, at 9.10 a.m., all south; Levuka, s, at 11.45 p.m., north.

TACKING POINT (169m).—Passed: Jan. 25, Orara, s, at 4.35 p.m., Kyogle, s, at 3.25 p.m., both north; Burringbar, s, at 6.5 p.m., south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (150m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Our Jack, s, at 3 p.m.

CROWDY HEAD (147m).—Jan. 25, Boambee, s, at anchor in bay. Passed: Macleay, s, at 5.25 p.m., north.

MANNING HEADS (144m).—Jan. 25, Wandra, s, and Alfred Fenning, ktch, bar bound.

CAPE HAWKE (123m).—Jan. 25, Tuncurry, s, bar bound. Dep: Boambee, s, at 8.45 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS (109m).—Passed: Jan. 25, Astral, s, at 3.45 p.m., Noorebar, s, at 4.15 p.m., Cooloon, s, at 6 p.m., all north.

PORT STEPHENS (83m).—Passed: Jan. 25, Sea Gull II., at 10 a.m., Hawke, s, at 1.55 p.m., both south; Yawata Maru, J.M.S., at 7 p.m., north. Arr: Karuah, s, at 4.45 p.m., Corra Lynn, s, at 2.20 p.m.

NEWCASTLE (65m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Rockhily, s, Duckenfield, s, Lubra, s, Noorebar, s, Orara, s, Namoi, s, Wairuna, s, Komura, s, Cooloon, s, Kooyong, s, Helen Nicol, s, Corra Lynn, s, all from Sydney; Clan Shaw, s, from Port Pirie; Era, s, from south; Williams, s, and Hawk, s, both from Port Stephens. Dep: Jan. 25, Wallsend, s, Galava, s, Wallarah, s, Queen Bee, s, Beagle, s, for Sydney; Macleay, s, and Rockilly, s, both for the north; Dauntless, s, for Port Stephens; Orara, s, for Byron Bay; Cooloon, s, for Coff's Harbour; Noorebar, s, for Coff's Harbour and Trial Bay; Strathgyle, s, for Manila.

CATHERINE HILL BAY (48m).—Dep: Jan. 25, Wallara, s, at 5.30 p.m., for Sydney.

WOLLONGONG (44m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Dunmore, s, at 1 p.m., from Port Kembla; Coomonderry, s, at 4 p.m., Pareora, s, at 4.30 p.m., from Sydney. Dep: Dunmore, s, at 5.30 p.m., for Sydney. Passed: Annandale, s, at 4 p.m., north.

KIAMA (59m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Kiama, s, at 4.30 p.m.

JERVIS BAY (89m).—Passed: Jan. 25, steamer yellow funnel black top, at 12.15 p.m.; steamer yellow funnel black star, at 2.30 p.m., Yarra, s, at 6.20 p.m., steamer at 6.45 p.m., all north.

GABO (238m).—Passed: Jan. 25, Aparima, s, at 10.30 a.m., west.

MELBOURNE (576m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Svolder, Nor. 4-m bq, from Sundswall; Cambuskenneth, sh, from Bonessi; Nera, F.M.S., from Sydney. Dep: Bombala, s, for Townsville; Kyarra, s, for Fremantle; Loongana, s, for Launceston; Osterley, s, for London; Wainui, s, for Durban; Manuka, s, for Hobart; Elmsborn, s, for Sydney; Skomvaer, Nor. bq, for United Kingdom; Van Waerwyck, s, for Java; Ping Suey, s, for Liverpool; Waimea, s, and Wareatea, s, both for Tasmanian ports.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (436m).—Inward: Jan. 24, 4.10 p.m., barque, painted white. Outward: Jan. 24, 11.15 a.m., steamer; 4.20 a.m., Period, s, 1.30 p.m., Dr. namincka, s; 3.20 p.m., Perth, s.

LOW HEAD (539m).—Dep: Jan. 25, Wakatipu, s, at 11.15 a.m., for Sydney.

DEVONPORT WEST (598m).—Dep: Jan. 25, Nanawell, s, at 2.30 p.m., for Melbourne.

BURNIE (519m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Oonah, s, from Melbourne, at 5 a.m.

ADELAIDE (1084m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Karo, sh, from Archangel; Barrier, s, from the eastern States.

ALBANY (2100m).—Dep: Jan. 24, Riverina, s, at 10.5 p.m., for Melbourne. Passed: Jan. 25, str, two masts, black funnel, white band, at 1.55 p.m., east; Orontes, R.M.S., at 2.30 p.m., east; str, two masts, one funnel, at 4.15 p.m., west.

FREMANTLE (2460m).—Jan. 25, 4.40 p.m., Cooeeanna, for eastern States.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1281m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Moeraki, s, from Sydney; Athenic, s, from Hobart.

PORT CHALMERS.—Arr: Jan. 25, Kaiapoi, s, from Newcastle.

AUCKLAND (1281m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Atua, s, from Islands; Star of India, s, from Sydney. Dep: Clan Grant, s, for London.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, noon.
Victoria.—Overland, noon.
Queensland.—Overland, noon.
Wardell (R.R.).—Ramornie, noon.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—F.M.S. Nera, noon.
F.M.S. Nera (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, noon.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, noon.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Kyarra, noon.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Fremantle.—F.M.S. Nera, noon.

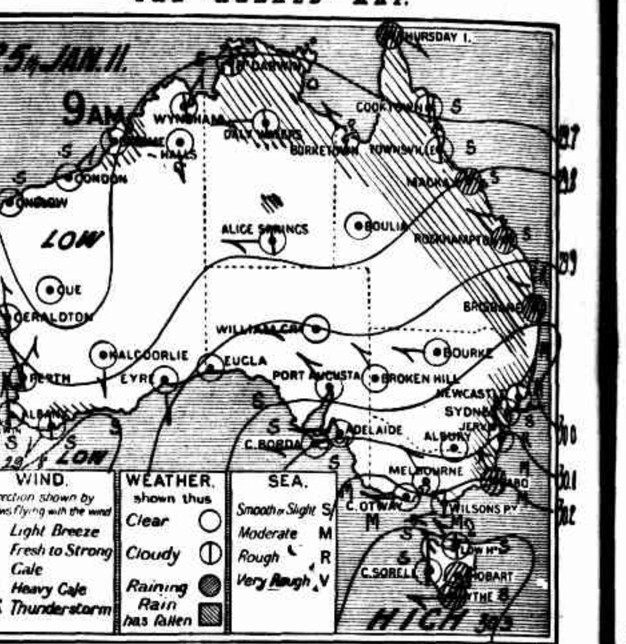
FRIDAY.

Port Macquarie.—Macquarie, 8 a.m.
Eden.—Merimbula, 9 a.m.
Hobart (direct).—Paloona, 11 a.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Zamboanga, Manila (P.I.), Hongkong, and Japan, via Brisbane.—Changsha, 3.45 p.m.
Urunga (Bellinger Heads).—Nerong, 4 p.m.
Eden.—Sydney, 4 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Toroa, 5.30 p.m.

A resident of Woollahra asks the old question, "Where were the police," and complains of fights having taken place between a number of boys on Sunday last at the lower end of Queen-street, Woollahra. The contests occupied over an hour, and "the only absentees were the police."

AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

THE "HERALD" MAP.



The high pressure has gained another tenth in barometric value, and shows a slight retrogressive movement, while the centre is still to the south of Tasmania. The monsoonal tongue, which has been over the Tasman Sea for the past two days has come further south, and caused a congestion of isobars to the south-east of Sydney. The Antarctic disturbance to the south of the Leeuwin shows no further advance, while the monsoonal depression over Western Australia extends as far south as the southern goldfields.

Ocean Forecasts.—More squalls on the Queensland tropical coast, and off the eastern entrance of Bass Straits.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Wednesday.

Sydney rainfall, average annual for 52 years, 4795 points.

Average rainfall for 52 years, from January 1 to end of January, 344 points.

Total rainfall from January 1, 1911, to date, 1246 points.

Total for corresponding period of 1910, 394 points.

Corrected barometer reading: At 9 a.m., 30.030; at 3 p.m., 29.984; at 9 p.m., 30.050.

Temperature: At 9 a.m., 68.5; at 3 p.m., 73.4; at 9 p.m., 68.8; maximum, 75.2; minimum, 61.8.

Humidity: At 9 a.m., 68; at 3 p.m., 63; at 9 p.m., 77.

Wind: Maximum velocity, 10 miles from the east.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Adelong 5 points, Araluen 26, Armidale 15, Bateman's Bay 31, Bega 53, Blackheath 39, Blayney 21, Bodalla 95, Bombala 4, Bowral 15, Braidwood 19, Bundarra 60, Burragate 9, Camden 30, Camden Haven 7, Candelo 27, Cape Hawke 27, Cassilis 30, Cooma 20, Crookhaven 28, Dungog 53, Eden 8, Gabo Island 6, Germanton 19, Glebe Point 45, Glen Innes 33, Gloucester 23, Green Cape 12, Hill End 24, Hunter's Hill 64, Inverell 3, Jerry's Plains 4, Jervis Bay 16, Jindabyne 14, Katoomba 69, Kiama 49, Kiandra 14, Kosciusko 26, Kurrajong 56, Lawson 17, Maitland 20, Manning Heads 20, Marrickville 57, Merriwa 13, Michelago 8, Moruya Heads 65, Moss Vale 18, Mount Victoria 24, Murrurundi 10, Muswellbrook 64, Newcastle 11, Nimitybelle 20, Nowra 25, Pambula 28, Parramatta 32, Penrith 30, Picton 15, Port Stephens 47, Raymond Terrace 60, Riverview 40, Scone 15, Seal Rocks 104, Singleton 9, Springwood 20, Strathfield 43, Sydney 20, Taralga 4, Tarcutta 25, Taree 5, Tenterfield 6, Towamba 15, Ulladulla 18, Uralla 33, Wentworth 8, Windsor 36, Wollongong 84, Wyndham 23, Wyong 14.

Additional up to 9 p.m.:—Coonabarabran 51 points, Albury 10, Gabo 14, Corowa 4.

QUEENSLAND RAINFALLS.

The following rainfalls were registered for the 24 hours ending 9 a.m. Wednesday:—

Northern Division.—Cairns 51 points, Cardwell 182, Clarke River 82, Coen 15, Cumberland 20, Halifax 254, Herberton 11, Ingham 180, Innisfail 412, Junction Creek 15, Maytown 15, M'Donnell 26, Musgrave 23, Palmerville 108, Port Douglas 58, Tate River 150, Thursday Island 100, Townsville Pilot Station 97, Walsh River 36.

Central Division.—Aramac 18 points, Ayr 90, Balfe's Creek 84, Bauhinia Downs 110, Bloomsbury 234, Bethungra 18, Bowen 27, Camooweal 34, Charters Towers 33, Collaroy 24, Emu Park 14, Ilfracombe 65, Inkerman 12, Kabra 24, Macrossan 58, Mackay 130, Marlborough 65, Rockhampton 29, Mirani 250, Nebo 18, Port Alma 27, Proserpine 241, Queenton 28, Ravenswood 28, Sellheim 78, Stanwell 104, St. Lawrence 110, Yamba 22, Yeppoon 160.

Southern Division.—Buloer 23 points, Bundaberg 121, Caloundra 12, Dalveen 30, Gin Gin 10, Gladstone 54, Goodwood 11, Howard 27, Landsborough 20, Maryborough 80, Miriam Vale 45, Mount Morgan 14, Oakey 11, Pialba 60, Stanthorpe 35, St. Helens 16, Warwick 29.

Late reports to 9 a.m. Tuesday.—Oakey 90 points, Thursday Island 135.

RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Light to moderate rain recorded on central and south coasts and scattered place on the highlands, heavy at a few places.

Victoria.—Light rain recorded at a few places in the extreme east and north-east.

South Australia.—Light to moderate and scattered rain recorded with thunderstorms in the Northern Territory.

Western Australia.—Light rain recorded in the Kimberley and at Albany and Breaksea.

Queensland.—Light to heavy rain recorded with thunderstorms east of a line joining Camooweal and Texas, but scattered in the north-western quarter and in the south-east.

Tasmania.—Very light rain recorded in the south and in the midlands.

CONDITIONS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy to overcast along the coast and tablelands and south of the Lachlan, with showers or steady rain on the South Coast and tableland; elsewhere fine and clear.

Victoria.—Fine but cloudy to overcast in Gippsland and in the north-east, with light rain at a few places; elsewhere fine and warm and mostly clear.

South Australia.—Generally fine and warm to hot, but cooler on the south coast; mostly fine and clear, but scattered clouds in parts.

Western Australia.—Cloudy to overcast in the south-west and Kimberley, and raining at Breaksea; otherwise clear.

Queensland.—Cloudy along the coast; raining on tropical and subtropical; fine and clear chiefly in the interior.

Tasmania.—Misty rain in the south; otherwise fine but cloudy to overcast.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29.76; Geraldton, 29.81; Perth, 29.8[illegible]; Esperance Bay, 29.82; Eucla, 29.92; Streaky Bay, [illegible]; Adelaide, 30.03; Robe, 30.12; Portland, 30.19; Melbourne, [illegible]; Wilson's Promontory, 30.22; Gabo Island, [illegible]; Cape St. George, 30; Sydney, 30.04; Newcastle, [illegible]; Port Macquarie, 30.03; Clarence Heads, 30.03; Brisbane, 29.96; Rockhampton, 29.87; Mackay, 29.84; Cooktown, 29.70.

TEMPERATURES AT 9 A.M.

Perth (for 24 hours ending 9 a.m.), maximum [illegible], minimum 61; Adelaide, maximum 90, minimum 77; Melbourne, maximum 81, minimum 58; Brisbane, maximum 80, minimum 71; Hobart, maximum 74, minimum [illegible].

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers at 9 a.m. on January 25 were as follow:—Albury, [illegible] 9in; Angledool, 3ft 4in, f; Balranald, 1ft 3in; Bingara, 3ft 6in, f; Booligal, stopped running; Bourke, 8ft 8in, r; Brewarrina, 12ft 11in, r; Collarenebri, 3ft 6in, r; Condobolin, 2ft 10in, r; Cowra, 2ft 6in, f; Dubbo, 4ft 6in; Euston, 9ft; Forbes, 5ft 6in, f; Goodooga, 5ft 11in, r; Gundagai, 2ft 6in; Gunnedah, 6ft 3in; Hay, 5ft 6in; Hillston, 3ft 2in, f; Inverell, 6in, f; Kunopia, 3ft 6in, f; Louth, 8ft 6in; Manilla, 1; Menindie, 9ft 10in; Moama, 11ft; Mogil Mogil, 10ft, r; Moulamein, 2ft 3in; Mungundi, 17ft 3in, r; Narrandera, 12ft; Pooncarie, 11ft 9in, f; Tamworth, l; Tilpa, 6ft 5in, s; Tocumwal, 6ft 10in; Wagga Wagga, 4ft; Wentworth, 6ft 5in; Wilcannia, 8ft 4in, f; Yetman, 1ft, f; Barwon River, at Walgett, 10ft, r; Namoi River, at Walgett, 12ft, r; Euabalong, 3ft 6in, l.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling; s, stationary; l, low.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S, fresh, misty rain, sea rather rough; Byron Bay, S, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Ballina, SSE, light, cloudy, bar moderate heavy; Clarence Heads, S, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Woolgoolga, ESE, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Bellinger Heads, S, moderate, cloudy, bar moderate, rough; Nambucca Heads, SE, light, raining, sea rough; Port Macquarie, SSE, moderate, cloudy, sea moderate; Manning Heads, SE, moderate, cloudy, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, SE, moderate, cloudy, sea slight; Port Stephens, E, light, cloudy, sea slight; Newcastle, SSE, moderate, cloudy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, E, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, E, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Barranjoey, NE, fresh, fine, sea slight; South Head, ENE, moderate, fine, sea slight; Wollongong, NE, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Kiama, SE, fresh, fine, sea slight; Crookhaven Heads, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, NW, light, fine, sea moderate; Ulladulla, SW, fresh, misty rain, sea rather rough; Bateman's Bay, SE, fresh, misty, sea rough; Moruya, SSE, moderate gale, squally, steady rain, sea rough; Eden, SE, strong, thick rain squalls, sea rough; Green Cape, SE, strong, thick rain squalls, sea rough; Gabo Island, SE, strong, showery, sea rough.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Rain on the south coast and high lands, and showers, with some thunder, in the north-east; fine inland, with south-easterly to north-easterly winds.

FORECASTS AT 9 A.M.

Victoria.—Cloudy to showery in the eastern parts, otherwise fine; warm inland from the coast; easterly winds, squally on the far east coast.

Queensland.—Unsettled to showery and thundery along the Pacific slopes and northern areas; south-easterly winds chiefly.

South Australia.—Continued warm to hot, with easterly to northerly winds; casual thunderstorms, chiefly in the interior.

Western Australia.—Comparatively cool in the south-west; hot and sultry elsewhere, and cloudy generally, with scattered thunderstorms; north-easterly to south-easterly winds.

Tasmania.—Some showers in the eastern districts, otherwise fine, with south-easterly to easterly winds.

INTERSTATE RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

(For the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.)

Western Australia.—Derby 30 points.

South Australia.—Port Darwin 104 points, Katherine 15, Daly Waters 29, Barrow Creek 6.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR JAN. 26.

Sun rises at 5.9, sets 7.6; Moon, 1.21 a.m., 3.45 p.m.; Mercury, 3.26 a.m., 5.30 p.m.; Venus, 6.18 a.m., 7.10 p.m.; Mars, 2.8 a.m., 4.32 p.m.; Jupiter, 11.34 p.m., 1.5 p.m.; Saturn, 11.56 a.m., 11.12 p.m.

New moon, January 30, at 7.45 p.m.

Full moon, February 13, at 8.28 p.m.

High water at Fort Denison at [illegible].21 a.m. and 5.49 p.m.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A good volume of business was effected on 'Change yesterday at firm rates. Insurance Office of Australia shares rose /2, and Reinsurance Company shares were disposed of at a premium of /2. Mercantile Mutual rose /6, Aerated Bread Company /9, Burns, Philp, /2, Farmer, pref., 2/6. Goodlet and Smith, /4; Wunderlich, ordinary, eased /9, Bellambi Coal rose 1/, and Wallsend Coal £1.

The following sales were reported:— Morning.—Aerated Bread, 18/9; Bank of New Zealand, £10/12/6; Tooth and Co., 43/3; Fresh Food and Ice, 18/6; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 43/6; ditto, three months, 44/; ditto cash, 43/7½; Commercial Banking Company, £32; Insurance of Australia, 6/5; Illawarra Steam, 16/9; Wallsend Coal, £22; Bellambi Coal, 48/.

Noon.—Colonial Sugar, £42; Insurance of Australia, 6/6; Goldsbrough, Mort, 43/9; Farmer and Co., ordinary, £14/12/6.

Afternoon: Australian Gaslight, £18; Goldsbrough, Mort, 6 weeks, 44/; 3 months, 44/. Later: Winchcombe, Carson, 14/; Mercantile Mutual Insurance, 19/3; New Zealand Insurance, 90/; Goldsbrough, Mort and Co., 43/7½, 43/9; Illawarra Steam, 16/9; Nicholson and Co., new, 24/9; Farmer and Co., ordinary, £14/12/6; Burns, Philp, and Co., paid, 46/9; Wunderlich, ordinary, 22/2, 22/6; Reinsurance, 6/2.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sales.	Buyer.	Seller.	†Yield to Investors.
STOCKS.							
N.S.W. F.S., due 1912	..	..	3	81½	81	..	3¾
Do., due 1912	..	..	3½	92	91½	..	3¾
Do., due 1912	..	..	4	100¾	100	101	3¾
Do., due 1924-5	..	..	3½	90	90	..	3¾
Do., due 1915	..	..	3½	98/5	98	..	3¾
Do., due 1921	..	..	3½	96½	96	..	3¾
Do., due 1923	..	..	3½	96¾	96	..	3¾
Do., due 1919	..	..	3½	100½	99	99½	3¾
Do., Act 1878	..	..	4	105	102	105	3¾
Do., Debentures	..	..	4	100½	..	..	3¾
Ditto, T. Bills	..	..	4	100¾	..	..	3¾
Ditto	..	..	4	100	..	101	4
N.Z. Deb.	..	..	4	100½	..	..	3½
Q. Deb.	..	..	4	100¾	..	..	3¾
Ditto, T. Bills	..	..	4	100½	100	..	3¾
W. A. Inscr.	..	..	3½	100¾	..	..	3¾
Ditto	..	..	4	100	..	..	4
Am. Gas D., '22	..	..	4	101	101	..	3¾
City Sydney D.	..	..	4	101½	100	..	3¾
C. Sugar D. '14	..	..	5	106	..	..	4½
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	16	117	117	..	5½
Aus. B. Com.	1	1	3	18/6	18/3	18/6	3¾
Bank of N.Q.	7	2	5	40/6	40/	40/6	5
Ditto, new	10	8	4	80/	81	..	8
City of Sydney	8	8	4	90/	86/	95	7
Com. of Aust.	10	10	..	14/	..	..	..
Ditto, pref.	10	10	3	5/18	..	..	5¼
Com. of Syd.	25	12½	11	32	31	32	..
E. S. and A.	25	12½	6	..	..	..	..
London Bank	20½	2	..	6 7 8S	..	..	5½
Ditto, pref.	11	10	5½	11/12/6	..	..	4¾
N. of Aus.	5	5	6	5 4 S	5 8/	..	6
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	13½	..	..	4¾
N.S.W.	20	20	17	46½	46½	..	4¾
New Zealand	6⅔	3⅓	14	10¾	10½	10¾	..
Q'land Nat.	3	3	..	3¼ 9S	..	..	..
Royal of Q.	9	8¾	4½	5 5 3	5¼	..	5¾
Union	25	25	14	67	65	..	5¼
DEPOSITS.							
A.B.C. Ins.	..	..	4	15/10	15/10	16/	5
Com. of Aus.	..	..	5	17/10½	18/0	..	3¾
E. S. and A. Ins., pref.	..	..	5	13/	12/6	..	4¼
Ditto, def.	..	..	4½	19/6	18/3	..	4¼
Ditto, deb.	..	..	4	18/	18	18/6	4½
Q'land Nat.*	..	..	3½	18/6	18/9	19/	5¼
STEAM.							
Adelaide	1	1	10	37/6	37/	38/	5¼
Bal. N. Ferry	1	1	..	37/	38/	..	..
H. Smith	1	1	15	51	..	50/	5¾
Ditto, pref.	1	1	5	21/6	21/	..	4¾
Illawarra	1	1	7	16/9	16/8	17/	6
Newcastle	1	1	6	23/	23/	..	5¼
North Coast	1	17/6	8	30/	29/9	..	4¾
Port Jackson	1	15/	10	60	..	60/	2¾
Sydney Ferries	1	1	10	52/9	52/6	..	3¾
Ditto, new	1	10/	10	40	40/	..	2½
Union of N.Z.	1	1	8	37/3	37/	37/6	4¼
INSURANCE.							
A. M. Fire	1	15/	14	47/	46/6	47/6	4¾
I.O.A.	10	5/	..	6/6	6/5	..	..
Mer. Mutual	1	7/	17½	19/3	16/	..	6¼
New Zealand	10	2/	10	90/	..	90/	4½
Queensland	1	10/	10	28	27/	..	3¾
United	10	2½	12½	5¼	5¼	6	4¾
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	20/6	21/	22/	6
Australian	6	6	15	18	17½	18¼	5
Charters Towers	10	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	..	10
Goulburn	1	1	15	55/6	57/	..	5¾
Grafton	1	1	8	32	30/	..	5
Kat. Leura	1	1	6½	24/6	23/	..	4¾
Maitland	5	5	10	9¾	9	..	..
Manly	1	1	10	30/	29	..	5
Ditto, new	1	5/	10	14/6	16/6	..	..
Mudgee	1	1	7	..	..	23/	..
Newcastle	2	2	15	6 3 6	6¼	6½	4¾
Ditto, new	2	1	15	68/	67/	71/	4¾
North Shore	1	1	8	40/	..	40/	4
Ditto, new	1	15/	8	33/	..	39/6	3¾
South Brisbane	10/	10/	10	..	..	..	..
BREWERIES.							
C. and W. Bros.	1	1	4	10/6	10/6	10/9	8
Perkins'	15/	15/	20	42/	41/9	42/	7¼
Toohey's	16/	16/	6	18/9	18/9	19/	5¼
Tooth's	1	1	10	43/3	43/	43/3	4½
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Aarons' Ex. Htl.	15/	12/	..	9	..	10/	..
A. Bread Co.	1	1	6	18/9	18/6	..	6¼
A. Taylor, Co.	1	1	10	20	25/6	20/6	6¾
Ditto, new	1	15/	10	..	..	..	..
Aust. Hat Mills	1	1	10	..	..	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	7	..	..	..	..
Beard, Watson	1	1	10	26	28/	..	3¾
Barnett Glass Rubber	1	1	12½	..	30/	35/	..
B.H. W. Supply	5	5/	30	18/3	17	18	8¼
Brooks, W.	1	1	7	..	..	..	..
Burns, Philp	1	1	10	46/9	46/6	47/	4¾
Ditto, contg.	1	10/	10	25/6	25/3	25/9	4
Col. Sugar	20	20	10	42	42	42½	4¾
Clyde Engineering	1	1	10	30/	28/	32/	6¼
Dalgety, Co.	20	5	8	6¼	6¼	6¼	6¼
Dunlop R.	1	1	9	22/	24	..	8
Ditto, pref.	1	1	12½	40/	45/6	46/6	6¼
Eden R. Rail.	15/	15/	..	21	..	..	..
Ham R. G.R.M.	1	1	10	28/6	..	30/3	7¼
I. Rich. Co.	1	1	5	15/3	..	17/3	7¼
Farmer, Co., Ltd.	10	10	8	14½	14½	14½	5½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	11¼	11¼	..	5¼
G. Mort, Co.	1	1	15	43/9	43/6	43/9	6¾
Goodlet, Smith	15/	15/	8	19/6	19/6	20/	6
H. Jones, Dev. Im.	1	1	10	28/6	..	..	7¼
Ditto, contg.	1	10/	10	15/3	14/9	..	6¾
H. Jones Co-op.	1	1	7½	24/4½	24/3	24/4½	5¾
Hotel Metropole	1	1	8½	30/9	35/	..	5½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	27/	..	..	4½
J. M'Kenzie	1	1	7	23/	23/	..	6
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	27/	..	..	7¼
K. Clark, Co.	1	1	8	27/	26/3	27/	5¾
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	10¾	..	10¾	5¾
Melb. Trams	1	10/	20	42/6	42/	42/9	4¾
Mont de Piete	1	1	12½	42/3	43/	..	5¾
Ditto, new	1	2/6	12½	10/	13	14/6	3¾
Mort's Dock	1	1	6	22/3	21/	..	5¾
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	23/	22/	..	5¼
N.S.W. F.F.I.	12/	10/	12	18/6	18/6	18/8	6½
Nicholson	1	1	10	24/9	24/	25/	8
Paul and Gray	1	1	10	22/	22/	21	8
Perdriau	1	1	10	32/	32/	..	6¼
Perm. Trust	5	2/6	10	..	4/6	4/9	..
Perp. Trust	10	7/	10	17/	16/6	17/	4¼
Pitt, Son, Badgery	1	12/	10	29/	27/6	29/6	4¼
P. S. Rubber	1	1	..	15/6	15/	15/6	..
Q. Meat Ex.	1	1	8	19/N	..	21	8¼
Q'land Pine	1	..	..	..	19/6	20	..
R. H. Gordon	1	1	10	28/6	28/3	30/	6¾
Ditto, new	1	5/	10	..	..	..	..
R. and Wrench	1	1	6	18/9	18/6	19/	7
Rubberoids	5	5	..	..	..	..	..
Sanders, Sutton, Whitehead	1	1	..	15/	..	16/	..
Sargent's, Ltd.	1	1	10	20/6	20/3	20/9	6¼
Silverton Trams	1	1	40	5/2/	5/4	..	8
Sm. Waygood	1	1	12½	34/	34/3	..	7
Ditto, new	1	8/	12½	17/	19/3	..	5¾
Syd. Rich.	10	10	6	12	12	12½	4¾
Syd. Hydraulic	1	1	8	21/6	21/6	..	7¼
Ditto, contg.	1	10/	8	10/9	10/7½	..	7¼
Syd. M.G.F.	1	15/	12½	20	20/3	..	6¼
Syd. Ice Skating	1	1	12	31/	31/	..	7¼
W. H. Soul	1	1	15	55/	54/9	55/3	5¾
Wade, Gilbert Ball Planer	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Wright, Heaton	2¼	2¼	10	62/6	..	80/	8
Wunderlich	1	1	8¼	22/6	21/9	22/9	7¼
Ditto, pref.	1	1	7	23/	24	..	6
LAND and BLD.							
Commercial	10	6	..	25/	..	..	..
Haymarket	2	2	5	28/	27/	31/	7
Industrial	20	20	6	18	..	..	6¾
Intercolonial	1	15/	10	33/	33/	..	4¾
Newcastle	1	1	7	24/6	..	25/6	5¾
S. A. L. M. and A. Co.	8	1	7½	..	..	..	..
COAL.							
Abermain	1	18/6	15	44/	..	44/	6
Bellambi	1	1	12½	48/	47/9	48/3	5¼
Bulli Abel	..	..	..	25/	..	25/	..
Caledonian	10	10	15	12¼	10	..	6
New Greta	1	1	10	32/6	..	32/6	9¼
Hebden Greta	1	1	..	5/	..	..	..
Hetton	5	5	6	64/	63/6	67/	9¼
Metrop. 1 pref.	1	1	8	22/	22/	..	7¼
Ditto, 2 pref.	1	1	5	12/9	12/6	12/9	8¼
Mt. Kembla A.	10	10	15	27	27	..	6¼
Newcastle	11	10	..	5	..	..	10
North Bulli	1	1	5	20/	..	21/	5
Seaham	1	1	7	..	..	..	..
South Greta	10/	10/	..	11/9	10/	..	..
Vale of Clwydd	1	1	10	20/6	..	20/	5
Wallsend	10	4	10	22	21	..	3½
Westralia	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
W. and B. L.	1	1	..	11/3	11/	..	..
Ditto, new	1	18/	..	..	..	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	..	35/	..	36/	..

† Where dividends are interim the yields are based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly. * For a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly dividend. ‡‡ Ex dividend.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3 per cent., £90/5/; Goldsbrough, 44/, 43/6, 43/10; Metropolitan Gas, £11/4/; Melbourne Tram, 42/3, 42/4½; Australian Paper Mills, 28/6; Dunlop, pref., 46/6; Kauri Timber, 16/3; Queensland Pine, 20/, 19/6; ditto, paid, 21/6; Sydney Hydraulic, 10/; paid, 10/9; Wunderlich, 22/4.

FINANCIAL.

NORTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The report of the above company for the past half-year shows a net profit of £9010—£12 less than the corresponding period of 1909. The directors propose the usual dividend of 6 per cent., plus a bonus of 1 per cent., arising from rents and investments. This absorbs £8750, leaving £266 to be carried forward to the dividends equalisation account. Mention is made of the serious difficulty experienced in the working of some of the various rivers through shoaling of entrances and want of proper dredging facilities. The labour question is one of serious concern to the directors, as during the half-year several increases in wages and overtime had to be conceded. Following are some comparisons:—

	Half-year ended Dec. 31, 1908.	1909.	1910.
PROFIT AND LOSS—			
Net profit	£8,958	£9,022	£9,016
Dividend per cent.	7*	7*	7*
Amount of dividend	8,750	8,750	8,750
To equalisation of dividends	204	288	266
LIABILITIES—			
Capital paid	218,750	218,750	218,750
Insurance reserve, etc.	49,330	51,003	55,106
Equalisation of dividend reserve	10,927	10,777	11,203
Sundry creditors	13,816	13,849	17,836
Money on deposit	..	9,085	3,532
Bank	1,211	357	2,017
ASSETS—			
Ship property	235,600	250,801	244,106
Freehold property	25,200	24,215	23,612
Debts due to coniy.	27,558	23,902	31,671
Insurance suspense account	5,261	4,927	5,462
Stores and coal in hand	7,544	8,672	12,840

* Including 1 per cent. bonus.

The annual meeting was held yesterday, Mr. W. C. Watt presiding. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. Messrs. Walter C. Watt and Wm. Rigg were re-elected as directors. Dr. J. R. M. Robertson's and Mr. Robert A. Bell's appointment as directors (the latter to fill the position of managing director) were confirmed. The chairman announced the company's intention of building suitable steamers to cater for the lower river trades, especially as regards timber.

MARCUS CLARK AND CO.'S CAPITAL.

Owing to an ambiguity in the terms of the resolution passed by shareholders of Marcus Clark and Co., Ltd., on the 17th inst, it has been deemed advisable to ask the shareholders to authorise the issue of the new shares on the basis of the following amended resolutions:—

That, notwithstanding anything expressed in the special resolution passed on the 2nd day of March, 1909, and confirmed on the 23rd day of March, 1909, such of the new ordinary shares therein referred to as have not yet been issued shall be offered in the first instance to the ordinary and preference shareholders who are members of the company on the 1st day of February, 1911, in proportion as nearly as may be to the amount of capital represented by the shares held by them, and such of the new preference shares therein referred to as have not yet been issued shall be similarly offered, and that such offers be made by notice, specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled, and limiting a time, to be fixed by the directors, in which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined, and that the directors be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the company.

Should the above resolution be passed by the required majority at a meeting to be held on February 1 it will be submitted for confirmation as a special reolution to the second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

MANLY GAS COMPANY.

The report of the above company for 1910 indicates increased prosperity as compared with the strike period, which affected the previous year's earnings. The dividend is unchanged on the larger capital, with a slight increase in the amount carried forward. The following comparison may be made:—

	Year ended Dec. 31, 1909.	1910.
Cr.		
Profit and loss	£1,440	£1,753
Dividend, per cent.	5	5
Forward	68	91
LIABILITIES		
Capital paid	29,750	37,475
Premium on shares	..	1,058
Reserve fund	2,114	2,114
Sundry creditors	7,048	5,680
Bank balance	1,653	—
ASSETS		
Land, machinery, etc.	35,919	39,049
Stores, etc.	4,017	5,044
Sundry debtors	1,782	2,432
Cash, etc.	202	1,913

The shareholders met yesterday under the presidency of Mr. John Leach, and the report was adopted. Messrs. Wm. Wark and J. Leach were re-elected directors, and Messrs. J. T. B. Wedderburn and H. D. L. Woods auditors.

SYDNEY STOCK EXCHANGE.

At the annual meeting of the Sydney Stock Exchange Company, held yesterday, the following office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected:—Mr. V. A. B. Willis, chairman; Mr. F. O. Steel, hon. secretary and treasurer; and as members of the committee, Messrs. L. P. Bain, E. L. Davis, A. L. Mullens, A. H. North, H. C. Thompson, and W. Tilley.

SYDNEY FERRIES, LIMITED.

The report of the Sydney Ferries, Limited, for the last half-year shows a net profit of £15,571, out of which a 10 per cent. dividend, absorbing £12,498, is proposed, a bonus of /3 per share on 200,000 shares paid to 20/, absorbing £2500, a bonus of /1½ per share on 99,930 shares paid up to 10/, £624, leaving £535 to be carried forward. The directors have resolved to call up £50,000 new capital in two calls of 5/ per share, payable on April 1 and July 1. The following comparison may be made:—

	Half-year ended Dec. 31, 1908.	1909.	1910.
Profit and Loss.			
Net profit	£14,468	£10,809	£15,571
Dividend, per cent.	10*	10	10†
Amount of dividend and bonus	14,500	10,000	15,023
Forward	541	809	535
Liabilities.			
Capital paid up	200,000	200,000	249,965
Reserve for repairs and new steamers	20,000	25,000	—
Reserve for depreciation, etc.	..	—	79,400
Insurance reserve	13,050	16,000	20,000
Sundry creditors	2,721	6,223	3,334
Assets.			
Ship property	69,828	75,951	168,629
Landed property	123,737	133,082	135,032
Wharfs, etc.	7,482	10,512	10,946
Money at deposit, Govt. debentures, and cash	41,079	32,900	44,706
At bank	3,006	970	2,113
Plant, etc.	1,761	1,761	1,928
Stock in hand	2,300	1,950	2,050
Office furniture, etc.	152	224	224
Coal in stock	953	213	2,872
Sundry debtors	512	467	523

* Exclusive of a bonus of 6d per share. † Plus bonus of 3d per share.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD.

The 43rd half-yearly meeting of Richardson and Wrench, Ltd., was held at the company's rooms yesterday. Mr. E. P. Simpson, chairman of directors, presided. The balance-sheet disclosed an amount to the credit of profit and loss account of £8446. It was decided to pay a dividend of 6 per cent. per annum, absorbing £1800; to transfer to goodwill reduction reserve, £2500; and to carry forward to next half-year £4146/13/7. Messrs. William Rigg and H. Yewens Russell were re-elected auditors.

FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN'S MILK.

The 21st annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Farmers and Dairymen's Milk Company, Ltd., was held yesterday at the head office of the company, Mr. R. H. Antill, chairman of directors, presiding. In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet presented to the meeting, in which a dividend of 10 per cent. was proposed, the chairman drew attention to the steadily-increasing business and to the strong financial position now held by the company. Comparison was made with the position held in preceding years, and the progress disclosed was highly satisfactory. Sincere regret was expressed at the death of the late Mr. Neil Cameron, who for a number of years occupied the position of manager of the company, and highly appreciative references were made to the value of the services rendered by him to the company. Mr. Cork seconded the motion submitted, and the report and balance-sheet were then unanimously adopted. There being no opposition to the retiring country directors, Messrs. W. H. Cook and John Kidd were declared duly re-elected. For the position of city director three nominations were received, and as a result of a ballot Messrs. W. J. Borley and G. Stephens, the retiring directors, were again returned to office.

LONDON FINANCIAL CABLES.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company 4 per cent. debenture stock, unchanged at £99/10/.

City of Sydney 4 per cent. debentures (1912-13), unchanged at £100.

Dalgety and Co., Ltd., unchanged at b £5/12/6, s £6/2/6.

Dalgety and Co., Ltd., 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at £100.

Metropolitan Gas Company (Melbourne), 4½ per cent., unchanged at £101.

Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Company 4½ per cent. debentures, unchanged at £99.

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., 4 per cent. "B" debentures, unchanged at £98/10/.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Australasian gold production for 1910 is estimated by the "Australasian Insurance and Banking Record" as 3,182,677 fine ounces, against 3,435,007 fine ounces in 1909, and 3,547,210 fine ounces in 1908.

The production of the Commonwealth during the same period is set down as 2,736,488 fine ounces in 1910, 2,962,543 fine ounces in 1909, and 3,075,242 fine ounces in 1908.

The Australian decrease for the year is 226,057 fine ounces, and that of New Zealand 26,273 fine ounces.

The value of the Australasian gold production during the last two years may be compared as follows:—

	1909.	1910.
Commonwealth	£12,584,070	£11,623,842
New Zealand	2,006,902	1,895,302
	14,590,972	13,519,144

At yesterday's wool sales 9220 bales were offered, and 8932 bales sold, including 1004 bales disposed of privately.

The market ruled firm and unchanged at late rates.

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

The feature of the import market yesterday was the strong inquiry for oils. The market was in a very excited condition, especially linseed, which cable advices from England noted at 3/10¼ and 3/10½ for B. and S., and likely to be higher; seconds were quoted /1 less. On spot B. and S. were quoted 5/3 and 5/5, and seconds /2 lower. Quotations to arrive are a halfpenny lower. For turpentine, latest cables from America put the price at 4/11 c.i.f.e. The spot price for pine oil is 5/3, and for Pratt's 5/4. These, too, are likely to go higher, holders being very firm. Fish oils and whale oils maintain their high prices, and no alteration is anticipated till the June shipments from Japan. In metals, tinplates and wire-netting for indent had a good inquiry. Two thousand boxes of tinplates were placed at full price. Another line of 450 boxes sold from 18/ to 18/3. In netting foreign advices indicate an upward tendency, and as some houses think that values are advancing there is a strong inclination to cover up forward shipments. It is very difficult to make contracts in England and the Continent for prompt shipment, as manufacturers have booked up months ahead. A good deal of business was done in local wire netting, with 16 x 1½ x 17 and 42 x 1½ x 18.

In jute there was litle business, though there is expected to be some inquiry for branbags, now that the weather is moderating. A sale in Cooeyanna to arrive was made at 3/7. Other lines in jute were unchanged, with little business. Carbide is selling freely. Five tons of Albion were quoted yesterday at £14. Pernnix carbida is worth £13/15/.

Canned fish are ruling at a high premium. For Norwegian ling to arrive there is a good demand for moderate parcels, with very little offering. Sardines, owing to the limited catch in Portugal and Norway, and the shortness in all other canned fish, are firm in price, and some packers have found a difficulty in fulfilling orders. Fair quantities of new season's salmon to arrive have changed hands at fair profits to the original buyers. South African canned lobsters have a good demand. There has been a heavy demand for Californian prunes, and prices have increased 25 per cent. since the opening of the season. The dried fruit market is very quiet, though it is believed that considerable covering will have to be done before the new season's fruits are available, in which case better prices may be looked for. Tref. sardines, quarters, have advanced /6, now being quoted at 5/ for distributing. Lucca oil has advanced, C. and B., half-pints, pints, and quarts being quoted at 10/6, 19/, and 36/ a dozen, an advance of /6, 1/, and 2/ respectively on manufacturers' prices. Coarse salt showed an advance of from 2/6 to 5/ a ton.

The wheat market was inactive yesterday, the quotable price being 3/6½, with sellers showing little disposition to quit. No change was noted in flour.

SUGAR YIELD, 1910.

Mr. Thornhill Weedon, Government Statistician of Queensland, in a preliminary estimate of the sugar crop of the State, expresses the belief that the production will be largely in excess of any previous returns. The yield is, he estimates, 1,518,781 tons, crushed from 99,634 acres, yielding 207,340 tons of sugar, being an increase in acreage of 19,539, an increased yield of cane of 655,212 tons, the sugar yield being an increase of 72,756 tons. The yield of sugar per acre was 2.08 tons, as against 1.68 tons in the previous year; while the one ton of sugar represented 8.77 tons of cane in 1910, and 8.65 tons in 1909. The yield of 1909, the "Australian Sugar Journal" points out, was less than in any years since 1904, the area harvested and the quantity of sugar obtained being seriously reduced by unfavourable weather conditions. Thus there was an unusually large area of stand-over cane from that season, and the 1910 crop was heavier than it would otherwise have been by many thousands of tons. Still, these facts, apart, 1910 was a good year. The increase of 72,756 tons in the production is worth to Queensland approximately £800,000. In 1909 Australia imported 99,698 tons of sugar, valued at £1,122,863, but with the New South Wales yield, the output of sugar in Australia should reach 224,000, about equal to the consumption.

BUTTER SHIPMENTS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Butter shipments for London by this week's mail steamer, R.M.S. Osterley, include 19,566 cases, or 483½ tons, from Melbourne. The Perthshire left Melbourne on the 19th instant with 6211 cases, or 155 tons.

BREADSTUFFS.

The wheat market was dull yesterday, and there was little business doing. Some buyers were disinclined to offer more than 3/6, but the price may be put at 3/6½ ex truck Sydney, at which price it may be said to be offering freely. Cables indicate that there is no demand for cargoes. A number of trucks arrived at Darling Island yesterday with their wheat contents simply saturated with rain. A considerable quantity of this wheat was sprouting.

Flour is inactive, buyers being disinclined to operate, as they had noted the reduction of 2/6 in Melbourne. So far the price here has not been changed, the convention rate of £8/17/6 still ruling.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 5505 tons of wheat and 188 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

EASTERN PRODUCE.

Rice: Best Japan, £20 per ton; locally dressed, from £16 to £18, according to grade, per ton of 56lb bags; 10/ less for parcels of each sort; Rangoon, £10 per ton (in bond).

Sago: 18/6 to 19/ per cwt.

Tapioca: Medium pearl, £20; seed, £18/10/ to £19 per ton.

Pearl barley: 12/6 per cwt in sacks, 12/9 in 56lb bags, parcels 10/ less.

Split peas: 16/3 in sacks, 16/6 in 56lb bags, parcels 10/ less.

Seeds: Canary, 16/6 to 17/6 per cwt; hemp, 20/; linseed, whole, 26/ to 27/ per cwt; linseed meal, £27/10/ in small lots; rape, 21/ cwt; mixed bird seed, 19/ to 21/.

Spices: Cloves, 1/3 per lb; mace, 2/8 per lb for whole, 2/10 for ground; pimento, /8¼ to /9 per lb; caraway seeds, /s4 per lb; pure white pepper in 7lb bags, /11½ per lb, pure black in 7lb bags /9¼ per lb; stick cinnamon, 1/6 per lb; mixed spice, loose /9, 1oz packets 10/; nutmegs, case lots /9, smaller lots /10 to /11.

Oatmeal: 7lb bags, £19/10/ per ton; flaked, 7lb bags, £21 per ton, 2lb packets 5/ per dozen; rolled oats, 5lb bags, £21/10/ to £23 per ton, according to brand; 2lb packets, 5/ per dozen.

Whole bleached ginger, /11; ground ginger, /11 to 1/, preserved /8¼ to /9.

Arrowroot: /5¼ to /6 per lb, in packets.

JUTE.

New standard cornsacks, on spot, parcels, 4/8¼ to 4/9. Branbags: 3/6¼ to 3/7. Woolpacks, 2/2½ to 2/3 old season's, 2/3¼ new season's, distributing. Ore pockets, 16oz 2/7½, 20oz 3/4.

DRIED FRUITS.

Dates: Good quality, /2¼ parcels, /3 distributing lots. Sultanas: Australian 1 and 2 Crown, /6¼ and /7¼; imported (Smyrnas), /8¼ for new. Muscatels: Imported, 1/2; Mildura, 1/1. Lexias /4¼ to /5¼, according to grade. Prunes: American, 9d; New South Wales, /9; French, /8¼.

Evaporated fruits: Apples, new bulk, /7; 1lb cartons, /8, according to grade; apricots, box lots, plain /8¼. Crown /7¼ to /10.

Figs: 4/ 8oz boxes, 6/3 12oz boxes; Protobeas, in 5lb boxes, /8¼ to /8½ per lb; pulled 5lb boxes /8¼, 1lb boxes /9.

Currants (Australian standard): 2 3, 4 Crown, /5¼, /5¼, /6; imported (Amalias), /6¼ to /6¼; Provincial, old, /6; to arrive, /6¼.

GROCERIES.

Tinned Fruits: First grade, assorted, 8/ per doz.; apricots, 7/6; peaches, 8/6 to 9/ per doz.

Almonds: Jordan, 2/3 to 2/6; soft-shelled, /8¼.

Nuts: Brazil, 1/; walnut, /9; parcels to /9¼, distributing lots; Barcelona, /8; almonds, soft shelled, /9; ditto, Jordans, 2/3.

Salmon: Scroll, talls 10/9 for 1lb tins; flats, 1lb tins 10/9, halves 6/9 to 7/, in distributing lots; Gemma, talls 9/9, flats 10/, halves 6/3; Monarch, talls 8/3, flats 9/, halves 6/; Pride of Alaska, talls 8/3; Karluk Horseshoe, 8/3.

Sardines: Tref., halves 6/6, quarters 5/, ordinary brands, halves 4/3 to 4/6, quarters 2/6 to 2/9; smoked sardines, 3/9 to 4/6.

Salt fish: Herrings, 19/, in half barrels; salmon, /5¼ per lb; ling, /5¼.

Herrings: Leading brands, fresh, 4/10½ to 5/; herrings in tomatoes, 5/9 to 6/4½; kippered herrings, 6/4½.

Matches: Wax vestas, 3/6 24's, 2/6¼ 12's; Bell's (Melbourne), 12's 2/4½ to 2/5, 24's 3/8; safeties, 2/4½ to 2/9; phosphorus, up to 3/7½.

Candles: Imported, Goudas, /7¼; D.R.J., /7¼ to /7¼; local makes, from /4¼ to /6¼.

Jams: Leading colonial brands 3/6, second 3/3 lb; 6/10 and 6/6 in 2lb, per doz.

Lemon peel, /5¼; citron, /8; orange, /6 per lb.

Clothes pegs: 5in 4/, 4½in 2/9 to 4/ per box.

Bottle oils: Calve delft, 8oz 4/3, 5oz 6/6, 10oz 12/, 25oz 27/; 4-gallon tins, 7/6 per gallon.

Milk: Imptd. Nestle's, 5/4¼; Milkmaid, 4/6 to 4/7½; Gold Medal, 5/6, in 5-case lots; smaller quantities, 5/6 to 5/7½ respectively. Local brands, 4/3 to 4/6 5-case lots, 4/4 to 4/7½ smaller quantities; Bacchus Marsh, 5-case lots, 4/3.

Rockself: Liverpool, red 45/.

Salt: Eagle, coarse, 2/6 advance, 62/6; Emu, crude, unchanged, 50/; Thistle refined, coarse 2/6 advance, 67/6; Castle, fossy, fine, 2/6 advance, 72/6; Castle, extra fine, 5/ advance, 75/; Castle, dairy, finest, 5/ advance, 85/ a ton.

CHEMICALS.

Rosin: "G" grade £15 distributing, £14/15/ parcels, "N" grade, £16.

Citric acid: Spot, 1/6.

Cream of tartar: 95 per cent., /11¼; 90 per cent., 1/, parcels.

Strychnine: Spot, 2/9 to 3/; to arrive, 2/5.

Borax: Powder, £24; lump, £21/10/ to £22/10/, in parcels, in 1cwt kegs; 2cwt kegs, 10/ less.

Bluestone (Macclesfield): £23/10/ per ton, distributing £24.

Sodas: Bicarbonate (Brunner Mond), £7/12/6 to £7/15/ in 3's, to £8/10/ in 1's in distributing lots, 9/ per cwt., mineral water strength, tinted (Brunner Mond), £6/15/ to £7; caustic, Muspratt's, 70 to 72 per cent., in parcels, £13 to £13/10/, spot; Greenbank's, 76 to 77 per cent., in parcels, £14 to £14/10/; Brunner Mond, 70 to 72 per cent., £12/10/ on spot, 2/6 less to arrive; B. M., 76 to 77 per cent., £13/15/; silicate soda liquid £6/15/ for parcels, lump £8/5/ parcels; soda ash, £6/15/ in 10's, £6/17/6 for 5's, and £7/5/ for 3's.

Boracic: 42/ per cwt.

Carb. ammonia: B.M., lump, in 3cwt cases, /8 per lb; powdered, /8¼ per lb.

Muriate of ammonia: £35/10/ to £38 per ton.

Flowers of sulphur: Parcels, £8/17/6.

Carbide: £13/15/ to £15/10/, in parcels, according to brand.

Caustic potash (electrolytic): 90 per cent., £42 per ton.

Tartaric acid: 1/1¼ to 1/2.

OILS.

Kerosene (per gallon): Snowflake, ex store, Sydney and Newcastle, /10¼; to arrive, /9¼, ex wharf; Royal Daylight engine kerosene, /8¼, f.o.r. or f.o.b. Sydney and Newcastle; petrolite engine kerosene, /7¼.

Motor car spirit: 1/6 4-gallon tins, 1/8 2-gallon tins.

Benzoline: 1/8 per gallon; gasoline, 2/5; naphtha, 1/6 per gallon; benzine, 1/4 per gallon.

Turpentine (per gallon): Pratt's, 5/4 in distributing lots, parcels 5/3; Pinetree, 5/3 for parcels, 5/4 distributing; Russian pure vegetable, 4/ per gallon.

Castor: Spot, 5/8 in case parcels, 3/10 in drums.

China: Pure, spot 5/3 for parcels, denaturated (under Customs supervision), 3/3 in 2½-gallon tins, and 3/5 in 1-gallon tins.

Rapeseed: Extra special to 3/9, ordinary 3/6; Colza recognised brands 4/3 to 4/9, according to brands.

Cottonseed oil: Union winter drawn to 7/6 in cases, according to quality; Soya bean oil, refined, 4/6.

Whale: Machine, filtered, 2/3 to 2/6 net, wholesale; South Sea, £23 to £24 per ton.

Cod: Norwegian and Newfoundland, 2/3 to 2/4 net; Japanese, 2/ to 2/1.

Japanese fish: No. 1 Yokohama herring, 2/ per gallon spot.

Creosote: Imported, pure 2/ per gallon in casks, 2/3 in drums; Australian, /3 per gallon less.

Cocoanut oil: £48 to £50, according to grade.

Oleine: Dark £30, pale £32 per ton net.

Rosin oil: 2/6 per gallon.

Whitelead: First brands, £30/10/ in cwts, quarters £31/3/; second brands, £1 less per ton.

Linseed oil (per gallon): First brands, spot, raw 5/3, double-boiled 5/5 for parcels; second brands, /1 less; local, raw 5/1 in casks, 5/3 in drums.

Redleads: First brands, £28 in cwts; second brands, £1 less per ton.

Neatsfoot: Pure, 2/9 per cask, 3/3 per drum, net; compound, 2/3 to 2/6.

Stockholm tar: Imported, best, 6/10½ whole, 7/3 distributing; Morrison's, 5/6 wholesale.

Fly-blown sheep oil: Morrison's, 2/6 per gallon net; cases 2/6 to 2/9 net.

Olive oil: 12/6 to 13/6 per gallon.

Lucca: C. and B., half pints, 10/6, pints 19/, quarts 36/ a doz.

Lamp oil: Morrison's, S. 2/3, M. 2/8 to 2/9; 2/3 for parcels in 1 and 2 gallon tins.

Wool-marking oils: Australian, black 2/ to 2/3, according to brand; other colours, 2/9; imported, from 3/6 to 4/, according to brand.

Zinc, white: Dry, Australian Red Seal, £27 per ton net, £28/10/ in small lots; ditto, ground in oil, £36; English, dry, £32 to £33 per ton; in oil, £44 distributing lots.

The following cable was received by W. H. M'Laughlin and Co., representing Blundell and Spence, yesterday:—"Oil, 3/10½. The market is firm."

METALS.

Fencing wire: Black German, ex store, No. 8 to £8/15/, No. 10 to £9/5/; American, No. 8 £8/17/6, No. 10 £9/17/6; to arrive, 2/6 less.

Galvanised: German, No. 6 £10/10/ to £10/12/6, No. 8 £10 to £10/7/6, No. 10 £10/10/, No. 12 to £12; American, No. 6 £10/10/, No. 8 £10/5/, No. 10 £10/15/.

Barbed: Australian, 12-gauge £14/15/, small lots to £15, 11 gauge £16/5/, special 12-gauge £17, 14-gauge £18/10/; German, £14/10/ and £15; American, Iowa, 11 £16/10/ to £16/12/6, No. 12 £15/15/, according to parcel; long-distance English, £17/7/6 and £18/10/ for 12 and 14 gauge respectively.

G.C. Iron: First brands £17/17/6, second brands £17/7/6, third brands £16/17/6 in 8ft lengths, in 9ft lengths 15/ more, 10ft lengths 30/ more than 8ft; unbranded, on spot, £16/5/, up to 8ft lengths.

Plain G. Iron: 24, 26, and 28 gauge, first brands £17/2/6, £18/7/6, and £18/17/6; 10/ less for second brands.

Bar Iron: £10/15/ in ton lots; shoeing iron, £12; shoeing steel, 11/ to 12/6 per cwt.; Carnegie's X shoeing, £12, jobbing £11.

Steelplate: £10/5/ to £10/10/ per ton, ¼-in to 12-gauge, for parcels, 11/6 per cwt for smaller lots.

Hoopiron: Galvanised, £15 to £15/10/ per ton, 10/ extra in cwts; black, 12/ per cwt.; galvanised, trade size, 17/6 cwt.

Sheet Lead: £17/15/ in full rolls; sheet zinc, £35 to £37.

Piping: English make, block 73¼ off list, galvanised 66¼; steam 63¼. Fittings, 2½ per cent. less discount.

Guttering and Downpiping: 40 to 45 per cent. off list.

Wire Nails: Irregular, 7½ to 10 per cent. off list, according to parcel.

Galvanised roofing screws: 50/ per cwt.

Ingot Tin: 1/11.

Tinplates: I.C. coke, 20 x 14 18/6, to arrive 18/; I.C. charcoal, to 19/3, spot.

Explosives: Dynamite 42/6; gelignite, 41/; gelatine dynamite, 50/6; blasting gelignite, 55/6 per cake of 50lb; ordinary blasting powder, /6¼ per lb; fuse, fire brands, double tops, /8¼ per coil, in cases of 300 coils, second brands, /6 per coil.

Plaster: King's Windsor, spot, 16/ to 16/6.

Cartridges: 12-gr., C.E., 72/6; 22 calibre, B.F., black powder, 13/3 short, 14/6 long, smokeless, 14/3 to 16/9.

Cement: Imported first brands, 12/6 on spot, in distributing lots 13/6.

Whiting: Gosling's, 70/; Alba, spot, 65/, to arrive 60/.

Iron tanks: 400-gall. 80/, 200-gall. 58/ to 37/6, 100-gall. 40/.

Axes: Best imported, to 52/, according to size and brand; Tasmanians, up to 58/.

Axe-handles: Leading imported brands, 11/6 to 12/; Australian, 9/.

Hayforks: 5ft, 3-prong, 21/; 5½ft, 22/6; 6ft, 23/6; 6½ft, 25/6; 7ft (scarce), 28/, 24/.

Scytheblades: B.Y., 36in, 34/.

Netting: Australian, per mile.—42 x 1½ x 17, A, £32; 42 x 1½ x 17, B, £29/15/; 42 x 1½ x 18, A, £30/15/; 42 x 1½ x 18, B, £22/12/6; 42 x 1½ x 17, A, £27/15/; 42 x 1½ x 17, B, £25/5/; 42 x 1½ x 18, A, £28/15/; 42 x 1½ x 18, B, £18/17/6; 36 x 1½ x 17, A, £30/15/; 36 x 1½ x 17, B, £26/5/; 36 x 1½ x 18, A, £29/17/6; 36 x 1½ x 18, B, £19/17/6; 36 x 1½ x 18, A, £24/10/; 36 x 1½ x 17, B, £22/6/; 36 x 1½ x 18, A, £17/7/6; 36 x 1½ x 18, B, £16/12/6. Imported: 42 x 1½ x 17, "A" Whitecross, 22cwt £31, W.U. £30, to arrive £29/15/.

The amount of wool manifested to arrive at Darling Harbour yesterday totalled 800 bales.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

SILVER.

LONDON, Jan. 24, 7.30 p.m.

Bar silver was quoted to-day at 2s 5-16d per ounce standard (1-16d lower).

METALS.

LONDON, Jan. 25, 4.35 a.m.

Yesterday's closing quotations were:—

Copper.—Cash, b £55/6/3, s £55/11/3 (1/3 down).

Tin.—Spot, b £191/10/, s £192 (15/ up); three months, b £192, s £192/10/ (£1/5/ up).

LONDON WOOL SALES.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Ltd., yesterday received cable advices from Messrs. Helmuth, Schwartze, and Co., London, dated January 24: "There is an increase in the animation. As compared with closing rates of last series, the better classes of grease are from par to 5 per cent. lower; the better classes of scoureds are 5 per cent. lower; while inferior wools are 5 to 7½ per cent. lower. Fine crossbreds are now on a par with closing rates of last series; but medium crossbreds are 5 per cent. and coarse crossbreds 5 per cent to 7½ per cent. lower."

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

As was expected, the wheat market declined to-day to the extreme limit for farmers' lots, being on the basis of 3/6 trucks Port Adelaide. Farmers are now selling freely, and considerably activity is marking shipment operations. The demand for parcels continues dull. Flour was again without export inquiry. Local demands are being met on a basis of £8/10/ for country brands, and £8/15/ city. Bran is firm at 1/1 to 1/2. Pollard is dull at /12 to /13. There was no alteration in foodstuffs. Dairy produce is having a good turnover on a basis of last Friday's quotations.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Wheat was rather quiet at 3/6½ for country lots. Business was done in parcels at 3/7. New flour brought £8/10/; old, £8/15/. Bran and pollard realised £4/15/. Prime malting barley sold at 4/3 to 4/4; good, 4/ to 4/2; medium, 3/6 to 3/9; Cape, prime malting, 2/3; seed, 2/; feed, 1/8 to 1/10. Algerian oats were inactive. Milling brought 2/0¼; good heavy feed, 1/11 to 2/. Maize, for prompt delivery, was firm at 2/5¼ ex wharf. Peas were dull. Duns brought 4/ to 4/3. Chaff, best qualities, was steady. Lower grades were difficult to sell. Choice green wheaten brought 65/ to 67/6; good, 57/6 to 62/6; best oaten, 57/6 to 60/; good, 55/; medium was down to 50/. Manger hay brought 80/ to 90/; manger sheaves up to 55/; chaffing sheaves up to 45/; Victorian straw, 30/ to 35/; Tasmanian, 55/ to 60/. Potatoes were weak. There was small demand for Colacs at 70/ to 80/; Carmens realised 90/ to 95/, occasionally 100/; Gippsland, 32/6 to 40/. Onions were dull at 50/.

Business in tea includes about 300 packages Ceylon up to /11, and a fair business in Java tea, principally to arrive. Cornsacks were selling at 4/8 to 4/8¼ for small lots. Branbags were firmer at 3/7 to 3/7½, quoted for small lots.

MEAT MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Prices in the metropolitan meat market for the week ending to-day were:—Beef, prime bodies 19/ to 20/ per 100lb, medium 18/; prime forequarters 15/, medium 13/; to 14/; prime hindquarters 26/ to 27/, medium 25/; sheep, prime /2¼ to /2½ lb, medium /2; lamb, prime 10/ to 11/ each, medium 7/ to 9/. Veal: Prime large vealers /2 to /2¼ per lb, medium /1¼ to /1½; prime small vealers /2¼ to /2¼, medium /1¼ to /2; small calves, /1¼ to /2 per lb.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co. report:—We offered 830 cattle, all good useful trade sorts, with a fair proportion of prime. Owing to the increased selection in competition the market was easier, but the yards were cleared of prime bullocks. Beef realised 23/, good about 20/. We sold 210 cattle. 9709 sheep yarded. There was a larger selection of very prime northern merinos, with a quieter trade demand, chiefly owing to the hot weather, but with a keen inquiry from graziers the yards were practically cleared at the late quotations ruling. For lambs the competition was less brisk, prices fluctuating and generally showing a slight decline on late high rates. We sold 4500 sheep and lambs.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the live stock market to-day 2150 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 430 from New South Wales, 800 from the north-eastern district, 400 from South Gippsland, 180 from Gippsland, 80 from the northern district, and 290 from the western district. There was a good attendance of buyers. For good and prime qualities, which were moderately represented, competition was brisk, especially for the best pens of bullocks, and for such prices ruled a shade firmer. For medium and useful grades, including a large number of cows, the demand was unsteady, prices showing a further tendency in favour of buyers. Quotations:—Prime pens of bullocks from £9 to £10/10/, extra ditto ditto from £10/15/ to £11/15/, good ditto ditto from £7/15/ to £8/15/; good lightweights from £7 to £7/10/, second and inferior from £5, with cows from £3 to £7/10/; odd beasts to £8/15/.

Fat calves: 450 were penned. The demand was not so active, and prices ruled easier. Prime steers and heifers brought from £3/10/ to £4/15/, a few higher; good ditto ditto from £2/15/ to £3/5/. Prime calves brought from 45/ to 55/, good ditto ditto from 30/ to 40/, with small vealers from 15/ to 28/.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

The steamer Wakatipu sailed to-day for Sydney with 2357 bales of straw, 19 tares, 733 bags chaff, 127 bags flour, 92 bags rolled oats, 1355 bags oats, and 30 bags turnips.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.
WILL POTATOES BE CHEAPER?
MAIZE EASIER.

There were indications that potato values would not hold and a gradual decline would set in. This was expected to be brought about if Tasmanian shipments were not blocked by weather conditions, and Local and Victorian deliveries grow any larger. Buyers were not at all short stocked, and if future forwardings develop at all they were expected to hold off to a small extent. The recent shipment of onions proved a full supply; as the best were sold, the lower qualities dragged. Stout white oats were the class that was selling best; Algerians were slow in quitting. There was a weaker feeling in the maize market. Sales of Victorian grain were going through at slightly reduced values. The orders were very slack. There were a few buyers looking for prime quality blue peas. None too many were offering. Greys were dull of sale. Lucerne and oaten hay were quiet as a result of the wet weather.

A leading merchant reported on the markets for the week as follows:—

Potatoes.—Arrivals from Tasmania in both steamers amounted to 14,800 bags for Sydney, and to this quantity must be added 3000 bags from Victoria. The sale on Monday was good at £7/10/ for choice Reds, £6/10/ for Bismarcks. Since then the market has quietened down, and prices have dropped 5/ per ton all round. The Victorians, which are not as saleable as Tasmanians, are dragging, and we fear importers will lose money on the shipment.

Oats.—Choice quality, both Whites and Algerians, continue scarce, and for these there is strong demand. Prime white Giants are worth 2/8¼, heavy milling Algerians 2/6, ordinary white feed 2/8, feed Algerians 2/3 to 2/4.

Chaff.—Deliveries from inland have increased, but the trade was bare of supplies, and up to the present there has been good sale for all lines offering. Oversea arrivals are not heavy. Prime oaten is worth £3/15/, good £3/10/, prime green wheaten £4/10/, medium quality wheaten is plentiful and dull.

Maize.—The northern river crops seem to be finished, judging by the supplies coming forward. Our requirements are now being met from stocks of Queensland and Victorian maize, the former is selling at auction, at up to 2/9 per bushel, the latter 2/11, ex wharf or store.

Onions.—Supplies are lighter than when last reporting; prime quality Globes are worth £3/15/ per ton.

There is a good demand now setting in for Cape Barley, and for the next month there must be heavy demand for this line. Clean seed is worth 2/9 per bushel.

FEED GRAIN AND OFFAL.

Current quotations were:—

Maize.—Victorian: Prime yellow 2/10 to 2/11; best northern river yellow 2/8 to 2/9, white 2/8 to 2/9 per bushel.

Barley.—Victorian: Cape for seed 2/9 to 3/, feed 2/2 to 2/5; English feed 2/3 to 2/6 per bushel.

Peas.—Tasmanian: Prime blue boiling 5/3 to 5/6, others from 1/9, grey 5/ to 5/3 per bushel.

Oats.—Tasmanian: Best milling whites 2/9, good stout 2/8. Algerian, milling 2/4 to 2/5, feed 2/1 to 2/3 per bushel.

Bran (Association prices), £4/5/; pollard, £4/10/ per ton.

FORAGE.

Chaff. South Australian: Wheaten, prime £4/5/ to £4/10/. Victorian: Wheaten, prime £4/5/ to £4/10/; medium £4; oaten, prime £3/15/, good £3/10/, second quality £3 to £3/5/ per ton.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: Wheaten, best £2/15/; oaten, £2/7/6 to £2/10/ per ton.

Oaten Hay.—Victorian: Prime £4/5/, lower quality £3/10/ to £4 per ton.

Lucerne. Hunter River: Choice dry green, £2/15/; brown sweated £2/5/ to £2/10/; rough dry, £2 to £2/5/; inferior, £1/10/ per ton.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Prime redskins, £7/10/; prime whiteskins, £6/10/ per ton.

Onions.—Victorian: Best brownskins, £3/10/ to £3/15/ per ton.

Swede Turnips. Tasmanian: Best £4/5/ to £4/10/ per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.
QUIET MARKETS.

Values did not fluctuate with dairy products; they remained at the same levels as on the previous day. Through to-day being a public holiday, market day was postponed until Friday. There were no large buying orders put through yesterday; just the usual quietness for a Wednesday was observed. The high prices for eggs held well, as the supply of really reliable brands was scarce. Duck eggs still command big values. Cheese moved off quietly. Sales were mainly at /6 for prime loaf. Bacon was quiet. Butter was firm. Factories were still consigning on their own account. The grocery trade was quiet. It was expected to improve on Friday.

Butter.—First grade, 90/, good to medium 86/ to 88/, secondary 80/ to 85/, pastry 70/ per cwt.

Lard.—Bulk, /8; packets, /6¼; special packets, /6¼; bulk, /6¼ per lb.

Cheese.—Prime /6 to /6¼, good /5 to /5¼, inferior /4 to /4¼, special /7¼ per lb.

Bacon. Prime factory, sides /7 to /7¼, flitches /7 to /7¼, middles /8¼; special, sides /8, flitches /7¼, middles /8¼.

Hams. Bacon, /8 to /11; prepared, /10 to /11½; special, double covers 1/1½, single cloth 1/0½ per lb.

Eggs.—Northern river, /7½ to /9; South Coast and railway, /10 to 1/1 suburban, new-laid 1/ to 1/4, choice 1/3 to 1/6; duck eggs, 1/ to 1/5 per dozen.

POULTRY.

Few supplies came to hand. Choice birds still were wanted.

The following values were ruling:—Old hens, extra choice 3/6, good 3/ to 3/3; roosters, extra choice 5/, good 4/ to 4/6; chickens, large 2/, small 1/ to 1/6; mixed coops, 3/ to 3/6; English ducks, 2/6 to 3/; Muscovys, 3/6 to 4/; geese, 4/6 to 5/; drakes, 4/ to 5/; extra choice 6/; turkeys choice hens 7/6, good 5/6 to 6/; guineafowls, 4/; pigeons, 1/3 to 1/9 per pair.

APIARY PRODUCTS.

Honey sold slowly. Wax continued quiet.

The following were the ruling values:—

Honey.—Choice western /2¼ to /2, special, /8¼, good northern /2¼ to /2¼, dark and candied /1¼ per lb.

Beeswax.—Prime 1/2 to 1/3, dark 1/ to 1/1 per lb.

FIREWOOD.

There were 15 truckloads of firewood offered at the auction sales, and good values were again secured. Best boxwood 16/ to 17/, good 15/ to 15/6; ironbark and stringy, 12/ to 15/; best bakers' lots 13/6, good 12/6 to 13/ per ton.

AUCTION SALES.

THE RAILWAY MARKET.
NO ALTERATION IN VALUES.

The Redfern Produce Market was well patronised by buyers on Wednesday morning, and as a consequence the later rates were well maintained.

Chaff sold freely, choice cuts going under the hammer at from 4/4 to 4/8, prime at 3/9 to 4/3, good at 3/2 to 3/8, and medium at 2/9 per cwt; while prime dry yellow maize from Wallangarra realised 2/9 per bushel, weevilly stuff going at from 2/5 to 2/8¼. Potatoes were much better property, prime Brownells commanding 6/, good 5/4 to 5/9, medium 4/4 to 4/8, and inferior 2/ per cwt. Good large bales of lucerne hay realised from 2/ to 2/2, and medium small bales from 2/6. A consignment of medium quality lucerne chaff brought the owner 2/8 per cwt, while a like quantity of prime Algerian oats was sold at 2/8 per bushel. Chick wheat was inclined to be done, good grain changing hands at from 3/ to 3/1, and medium at 2/6.

Offerings were as follow:—Chaff 29, passed 7; lucerne hay 6, passed 3; lucerne chaff 1; wheat 4, passed 2; oats 2, passed 1; maize 4, passed 1; potatoes 3.

Further details are subjoined:—

Chaff.—From A. Southwell, Wirigo, (4107) p 4/; E. Davidson, Greenethorpe, (6169) 3/10, (3037) p 3/9, (3155) 3/9, (16897) 3/9; Hardy, (8087) no offer, (16300) no offer; Burke, Finlay, (12882) 3/2; Hesley Bros., Mandurama, (8001) 4/, (3729) p 3/11; Baldwin, Manilla, (8290) p 2/5; Hobden, Wongarbon, (8911) 4/4, Bonnor, Orange, (6820) 4/8, (5449) p 3/11; M'Dermott, Greenethorpe, (11027) 4/6, (12880) 4/6, (14180) p 4/4; R. Ceely, Ganmain, (2385) 4/; Kelly and Saunders, Derrain, (8371) 4/6, (1749) 4/7; M'Dermott, Orange, (6306) 4/3; C. F. Co-operative Society, (14283) 3/6; Williams, Cootamundra, (3408) p 2/9; ex Millthorpe, (6773) 4/6; M'Dermott, Spring Hill, (12200) 4/3; Hall, (15453) p 4/4; M'Cully, West Tamworth, (4286) p 2/; A. L. Hicks, (15155) 3/; Blythe, Delungra, (16973) 2/9, (9196) 2/9; Young, Blayney, (3280) 4/4, (5674) 4/4 per cwt.

Lucerne Chaff.—From Kirkman, West Maitland, (11143) 2/8 per cwt.

Oats.—Ex Canowindra, (3039) Algerians no offer; A. D. Ness, Temora, (906) Algerians 2/3 per bushel.

Maize.—From Bennett, Nowra, (14455) p 2/9¼; ex Wallangarra, (15394) 159 bags 2/8, (13244) 1— bags 2/8¼, (15501) 166 bags 2/9 per bushel.

Wheat.—Ex Darling Island, (15165) 143 bags p 2/2, (5519) p 2/9; Grant, Curlewis, (745) 2/6; M. G. Carter, Wellington, (8486) 100 bags 3/1 and 3/ per bushel.

Lucerne Hay.—From Woolley, Mudgee, (1765) 33 bales green p 2/5, 7 bales no offer; M. Percival, Richmond, (5448) p 2/5; G. Mogg, Mudgee, (11236) 2/6; Buckman, (3567) p 2/4; J. Sage, Moonbi, (12213) 2/2; L. Janson, (8974) 2/1 per cwt.

Potatoes.—Ex Nowra, (4424) 10 bags Connolly 5/4, 12 bags Lamond 2/, 45 bags Caffery 5/9, 5 bags Evans 5/9, 12 bags Wong Kong 4/8; Ex Windsor, (4389) 8 bags Pye 6/, 9 bags Gardiner 4/ per cwt; ex Nowra, (3980) no offer.

FRUIT MARKETS.

BUSINESS FAIR.

Agents reported trade fair at unchanged rates. Choice dessert apples were scarce, and were wanted, whilst passionfruit were very plentiful, but were extremely hard to sell at the low values. Pineapples were in fair demand. Plums made satisfactory clearances. Peaches were steady. Oranges of choice description made good sales. Lemons still brought good prices.

Current quotations were:—

Apples.—Local: Dessert, extra choice 11/ to 12/, choice 9/ to 10/, medium 5/ to 6/, small 3/ to 3/6; cooking, choice 4/6 to 5/, medium 3/ to 3/6, small 2/ to 2/6, jam lots 1/6.

Apricots.—Choice 5/ to 5/6, medium 3/6 to 4/ per half-case, small 3/6 to 5/ per gin-case. Victorian: 6/ to 8/ per case.

Bananas.—Queensland: 10/ to 14/ per case. Fiji: Gros Michel, 6/ to 10/ per bunch. Chinas: 5/ to 10/ per case, 3/ to 5/ per bunch.

Grapes.—Local: Muscats, 10/; blacks, 7/6; whites, 6/ to 6/6 per half-case.

Lemons.—Local: Choice coloured 7/ to 7/6; medium 4/ to 5/, small 2/ to 3/; green, cnoice 4/6 to 5/, medium 3/ to 3/6 per gin-case.

Nectarines.—Choice 5/ to 5/6, medium 3/ to 4/, small 1/6 to 2/6 per half-case.

Peaches.—Local: Elberras, choice 2/6 to 3/ per half-case, medium 3/6 to 4/ per gin-case; slipstones, choice 4/6 to 5/, medium 3/ per half-case, small 3/ per gin-case; clingstones, choice 3/6 to 4/, medium to 3/ half-case, small 3/ to 3/6 per gin-case. Victorian: 10/ per crate.

Nuts.—Lychee, /11 to 1/; almonds, /10 to /11; Barcelonas, /9; walnuts, /9¼ to /11; peanuts, /3¼ per lb.

Oranges.—Extra choice 11/ to 12/, choice 9/ to 10/, medium 5/ to 6/, small 3/ to 4/; second crop, choice 8/ to 9/, medium 5/ to 4/, small 1/6 to 2/; Valencias, choice 11/ to 12/, medium 7/ to 8/, small 4/ to 5/ per gin-case; Jaffa, 15/ to 20/ per case, American: 21/ to 25/ per case.

Plums.—Angelinas, choice 4/6 to 5/, medium 3/ to 3/6 per half-case; Burbanks, choice 4/ to 5/, medium 3/ to 3/6, small 2/ to 2/6 per half-case; Japanese, choice 3/ to 3/6, medium 2/ per half-case, small 3/ to 3/6 per gin-case; blood plums, choice 3/ to 3/6 per half-case, medium 4/ to 5/ per ½-case; dark, choice 3/6 to 4/ per half-case, medium 4/ per gin-case. Victorian: Orleans, 2/; Angelinas, 3/ to 3/6, extra choice 4/. Diamonds, 3/ per quarter-case.

Pears.—Local Williams, choice 7/ to 8/, medium 5/6 to 6/, small 3/ to 4/ per gin-case; .ooking, 1/6 to 4/ per gin-case.

Passionfruit. Local: Choice 2/6 to 3/6, medium 2/ per half-case, 2/ to 2/6 per gin-case.

Pineapples.—Queens, choice 7/ to 8/, good 6/ to 6/6; commons and Ripleys, 5/ to 6/, good 3/6 to 4/6 per case.

Rockmelons.—Local: 2/6 to 4/ per gin-case.

Tomatoes.—Local: Choice coloured 2/6 to 3/, medium 1/6 to 2/, small and inferior from /6, green 2/ to 2/6, inferior from /6 per half-case.

Watermelons.—Local: Best 8/ to 9/, good 4/ to 7/ per dozen.

MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Wholesale Fruit Merchants' Association reports to-day's prices as follows:—Victorian fruit: Apples, eating, new season, 1/6 to 5/6; ditto cooking, new season, 1/ to 3/; Mildura lemons, 7/; Goulburn Valley lemons, 5/ to 6/; strawberries, per box, /3 to /6; cherries, per half-case, 1/6 to 3/; gooseberries, per lb, /1 to /2; ditto, per half-case, 2/ to 3/; apricots, 5/ to 7/6; peaches, best, 4/6 to 10/; ditto, others, 2/6 to 8/; ditto, per half-case, 2/ to 5/; grapes, chasselas, 6/ to 8/; ditto, sultanas, 5/6; figs, per half-case, 3/ to 5/6; tomatoes, Bendigo, 2/6 to per half-case, 2/; dark plums, 2/ to 5/; raspberries, per lb, /3 to /6; black currants, per lb, /3 to /3½. Apples, cherries and dark plums are selling slowly. Raspberries, black currants, and apricots have a good sale. Lemons, peaches, and tomatoes meet with a fair demand.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

The following truckings have been ordered for the forthcoming sales: January 30, 323 sheep vans and 194 cattle waggons; and for February 2, 462 sheep vans and 124 cattle waggons.

STATION PRODUCE SALES.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association, viz.: Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., Ltd., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency, Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd., Schute, Bell, and Co., Ltd., and Winchcombe, Carson, Ltd., report:—

Tallow. Good to prime sorts advanced 3/ per ton, while other descriptions ruled firm. Quotations:—Prime mixed, £31 to £31/10/ per ton; good, £30 to £30/15/; medium, £29 to £29/10/; broken package, £24 to £26/10/. 285 casks were offered, and 206 sold.

Hair, Horns, and Sundries. All descriptions realised about late rates. Quotations: Horsehair sold to /32 per lb, cowhair to /11¼, stumps to /8¼, ordinary shanks to £4 per ton, ordinary hoofs £3 to £4, hidepieces to £9, pizzles to £9, horns to 70/ per 100, beeswax to 14½ per lb.

Leather. Sales were held yesterday by Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Winchcombe, Carson, Ltd., and Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd. A quiet market prevailed at about late rates. Quotations: Calf tweed, best /18 to /20 per lb; cow tweed, best /16 to /18; yearling tweed, best /17 to /19; split yearling tweed, best /16 to /18; waxed calf, super /22 to /24; waxed yearling, best /17 to /20; kip, best /16 to /17; waxed splits, /8 to /9¼; sole, light /11 to /12, medium /12 to /13, heavy /14 to /15, faulty and damaged /5 to /9; harness, brown, medium /14 to /15, best heavy /16 to /17, black /16 to /17; basils, saddlers 17/ to 18/ per doz., 1-shoe 10/ to 13/, 2-shoe 7/ to 9/, 3-shoe 3/ to 4/6; bridle, 14/ to 16/; bag, 13/6 to 15/.

CITY YARDS.

There were 530 calves yarded at the City Corporation yards, being made up of all classes. There was a good attendance of buyers, and values improved all round. The following prices were realised: Prime yearlings, 55/ to 60/, medium 45/ to 50/; prime vealers, 38/ to 40/, medium 32/ to 35/; lobbies, 8/ to 20/, according to quality. Store calves sold from 14/ to 25/.

WOOL SALES.

SYDNEY.

Wool sales were held yesterday at the Sydney Wool Exchange, Bridge-street, when the quantity catalogued totalled 9,220 bales, and the sales, including private transactions, amounted to 8,932 bales, as under.

Broker.	Offerings.	Sales: At Auction.	Privately, ex Catalogue.	Privately, Uncatalogued.	Total Sales.
Dalgety and Co., Ltd.	5,856	5,256	680	—	5,936
Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.	3,364	2,672	324	—	2,996
Totals	9,220	7,928	1,004	—	8,932

The market closed without change from the previous sales of the week, the improved tone being continued for good wools, while faulty sorts still sold irregularly.

Dalgety and Co., Ltd., brought forward a catalogue comprising some high-class clips, together with a large supply of medium wools. A moderate selection of scoured was also offered. In the grease the highest price was /12¼, paid for lines of JFM/Carwool (Molonglo), RF/F.NE (Armidale), SR/New England (Armidale), and Cairnie/NE (Walcha), as described hereunder. Among the sales were:—JFM/Carwoola (Molonglo), 12 AA com w h at /12, 17 AA com h e at /12, 18 AA com at /12¼, 27 A com at /11, 14 com h w e at /12¼, deep warp wool, broad robust quality, lofty; V/half-circle/New England (Aberfoil), 19 h w at /12, 6 w at /11, good length, super quality, bright; RF/F/NB (Armidale), 12 h w at /12¼, a bright, super combing; WE/Tenterden/New England (Guyra), 20 A com w at /11½, 25 B com w at /11¼, medium length, fine, ticky; SR/New England (Armidale), 20 h w at /12¼, very fair length, soft free; HIII/Clovelly/New England (Armidale), 22 1st com w e at /12¼, 3 1st com e at /11¼, attractive condition, fine and soft; Osborne/C in dia. (Bathurst), 21 1st com at /10¼, 17 com at /10¼, 14 com at /11, 12 clo at /9¼, good length, quality, and condition; Cairnie/NE (Walcha), 11 A h at /12¼, 28 A e at /11¼, 20 A w at /11, well grown, good body and length, generous condition; JNG/Stowford (Wimbledon), 4 1st com at /10¼, 10 1st clo at /9, 7 1st h at /10¼, fair length, useful quality, free; AK/Otterbourne/Yass, 13 AA com h at /12¼, 18 AA com e at /11¼, 35 AA com w at /11¼, good length, nice, free condition, soft; BUK/Stoney Creek (Bathurst), 10 A st w h at /11¼, 24 A w h at /11¼, 46 A h w at /11¼, well grown, good quality, dusty tip, fair condition; WMcM/Manaroo/Queensland (Longreach), 15 1st com w at /10¼, 14 2nd com w at /9¼, good length and quality, dry; RJPH/Westholme (Inverell), 12 1st com h e at /12, 18 1st clo e at /10, soft, good quality and condition, bright; TAM/Kiloola (Kelso), 22 B w at /10¼, 14 BB w at /8¼, fair length, good quality, soft, dusty tip; SMO/Solare (Adaminaby), 6 1st com and clo chk at /8¼, 17 chk e at /8, 13 A chk e at /8, fair length, fine, dusty; Gidley (Bungendore), 12 A e at /11, 15 AA e at /9¼, 20 A e at /9¼, 33 A w h e at /9¼, good length, bright, super quality; WAL/CC (Cooma), 6 A com w at /9¼, 8 A and AA at /9, 24 A com at /8¼, 7 A com e at /8, good length and quality, weighty condition; JK/—/Holylmount (Warkton), 51 A w e at /10¼, 12 h w e at /10¼, fair length, good quality and colour, soft; AHB/Tri and Bar/ Myall Creek (Delungra), 20 1st e at /11, 9 2nd e at /10, good length, dry, bright; Booligar (Hebel, Q.), 10 1st com w at /11, 20 1st com e at /10¼, 25 2nd com w e at /10¼, 30 clo w e at /9¼, well-grown combing, good quality and style; Bull Bros/Big River (Bingara), 57 AAA w at /12, super condition, bright, attractive. Scoured: Moonguila (Collarenebri), 8 1st com at /19¼, 33 1st com w e at /20, good length, colour, and quality; McG&T/Warraweena/MD (Brewarrina), 6 1st com at /18¼, good length, useful quality, dry.

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., offered a good selection, including many lines showing fine quality and nice condition. The scoured section comprised mostly oddments. In the grease the highest price was /12¼, paid for 10 1st h w of JL/MP (Gunning), an attractive, well-grown, fine, free wool. Other sales were:—BG/Bank Vale (Lockhart), 11 A com at /10¼, 8 B com at /9¼, good staple, sound, useful quality; 21 A xbd at /9¼, 17 B x at /8¼, light, good length; RF/Uungula (Wellington), 5 1st com at /10¼, 10 2nd com at /10¼, 10 3rd clo at /9¼, fine, soft, medium length; JJF/Kurlong (Binalong), 10 1st at /11¼, 6 2nd at /11, good staple, nice quality and condition; SB/T/Ingleside (Bowning), 26 w h at —, fine, good staple, a little thin; SX/T/New England (Woolbrook), 54 com at /12, 11 clo at /10, fine, soft, medium staple, good condition; D/C/Aberdeen (Scone), 21 w at /10¼, 12 w at /9¼, mostly bright, good staple, part heavy; AK/Meadow (Wallendbeen), 5 1st com at /11¼, 11 2nd com at /9¼, good length, free, nice quality, a little heavy; HM/W (Warialda), 15 AA com at /12, bright, good quality and staple; JAS (Warialda), 13 AA com at /11¼, 6 A com e at /10, good staple, nice condition and quality; JAS/P (Warialda), 17 A com at /9¼, good staple and quality, nice condition; M/Braeburn (Orange), 18 com w at /10, very soft, mostly good staple, nice quality; P and L/Coodra (Yass), 18 1st com w e at /11¼, 9 2nd com at /10¼, 10 w e at /10, soft, good quality and condition; DOB/Wheeo (Crookwell), 36 w e at /9¼, 6 w h at /9¼, fine, good staple, little ticky; 11 x at /9¼, 16 x at /9¼, good staple, light; East Billabong (Parkes), 9 AA h at /10¼, 25 AA at /9¼, 8 A at /8¼, nice quality, good staple, odd burr; TC/G (Gundaroo), 10 h at /10¼, 20 w e at /10¼, good quality and staple, a little heavy; JC/Wambrook (Cooma), 8 AA com at /10, 16 A com at /9¼, 3 xbd at /9, good quality and staple, little dusty and heavy; Prochlas/TJ (Condobolin), 20 1st w e at /9, medium length, little dusty and seedy; Pinevale /JH (Young), 7 h at /10, 11 e at /9¼, good staple and quality, nice condition; half-circle/BB (Cooma), 16 1st h at /9¼, 16 1st w e at /9¼, 6 w at /9¼, 8 h at /9¼, well grown, bulky, little dusty and heavy.

MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The offerings at to-day's wool sales were only small, 1850 bales being submitted. The selection was a good one, in which was included some high-class comebacks and cross in the grease, together with a few good secureds and the usual complement of ordinary topmaking sorts. Competition was again keen, the lately-reported improved tone and higher prices being freely maintained.

PROPERTY MARKET.

Hugh Duff and Co. will offer at auction to-day a number of allotments at Yowie Point, Port Hacking. A motor 'bus will connect at Sutherland with all trains leaving Sydney.

THE GOLDEN WEST.

RICH POCKETS AT NORSEMAN.

WORK ON BULLFINCH FIELD.

SOUTHERN CROSS, Wednesday.

Vincent and party obtained 161oz of gold by dollying one bucket of lode matter struck on the Sun mine at Norseman. The party states it is unable to determine the extent of the ore, but states there is still a good deal of similar dirt available.

Mr. Crabb, inspector of mines, in a report on Bullfinch mines, says the Bullfinch South is about to sink the shaft 100ft deep on a quartz vein reckoned to average 20ft. wide. The prospects obtained along the vein are said to yield gratifying results.

The Young Bullfinch is sinking on a quartz vein on the Wattle Bird. A costean near the northern boundary disclosed lode matter for a width of 40ft, similar to that in the Bullfinch Proprietary.

The Bullfinch West intends to prospect for the same lode, which appears to be striking into their property.

A shaft is being sunk on the Bullfinch Main Lode lease, and the prospects are said to be encouraging.

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MINING.

MARKET RATHER INACTIVE.

VALUES MOSTLY UNCHANGED.

"Market opened and closed unchanged" was the terse description contained in a broker's cable message received yesterday morning relative to the state of the London Stock Exchange operations on Tuesday. Practically speaking, the same description would apply in a measure to the operations of the Sydney Stock Exchange in the morning, between the opening hour and the adjournment for luncheon.

It is quite true there were a few variations in prices, but, taken as a whole, the position of affairs was very slightly unaltered from the two previous days of the week. But it was that alteration, slight as it was, that tended to show a weakness in the tone of the market.

Take the silver division, for instance. Though the sales booked in B.H. Junction North, B.H. South (paid), and British (old) were only a small fraction lower than those earlier in the week, that small decline disclosed a noticeable weakness by reason of it coming on top of a previous retrograde movement. B.H. South Blocks opened with a fairly steady sale, but afterwards the buying support was weak. Indeed, it was noticeable that a change took place in the attitude of buyers at the morning and noon "calls." Whilst they presented a fairly steady front at the opening call, they retreated somewhat to the rear at noon.

Neither was there any exhilaration about the copper division. A few bread-and-butter transactions were booked, but taking the division as a whole, there was an entire absence of vigour in the call for stocks. The business recorded showed Chillagoe, contg., firm, Budgery steady, and Kyloe Copper a shade easy.

The most noticeable feature of the gold section was the growing strength of Harden Gold Mine and Cosmopolitan (Hillgrove). The Bullfinch group was again quiet, with shares in the parent mine a little weaker. Tin scrip was again in the background.

An extremely dull market ruled during the afternoon, with a feeling of weakness still pervading the silver division. Seeing the persistent weakening during the past week of the purely zinc propositions at Broken Hill, also the fact that London selling orders have been unusually numerous of late, one is tempted to ask, "Is there any prospect of spelter falling in price to any considerable extent?" That there is something in the wind is shown by the fact that a private cable message, received yesterday from London, contained the announcement that spelter had dropped 10/ a ton. Is this the beginning of a further decline? It is sincerely to be hoped that such is not the case.

In the copper section, Queen Bee commanded firm support on the up grade, but Tolwong Mineral sold on terms on the weak side. Bullfinches were quiet, but steady.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Bogan River	—	0 5 6
Budgery	0 1 4	0 1 6
Canbelego, paid	..	0 4 0
Chillagoe	..	0 7 4
Ditto, contributing	0 6 3	0 6 4
Cobar Gladstone	0 0 6	..
Grafton	0 9 0	—
Great Fitzroy	0 12 0	—
Hampden Cloncurry, paid	1 2 0	1 2 6
Kangiara	0 4 0	0 4 2
Kyloe	0 6 10	0 7 1
Ditto, preference	0 8 3	0 9 0
Mount Elliott	5 1 0	5 5 0
Mount Molloy, pref.	0 2 0	0 3 0
O.K.	..	0 0 1
Queen Bee	0 4 3	0 4 6
Ditto, new	0 1 5	0 1 7
Tolwong Mineral	0 6 9	0 7 2
Wallaroo and Moonta	..	1 16 6
TIN.		
Gilmore	..	0 1 3
Vulcan	0 1 5	0 1 7
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 14 9	0 15 3
Broken Hill Proprietary	1 14 3	1 11 9
Ditto, Block 10	..	1 10 0
Ditto, Block 14, preference	0 6 6	..
B.H. Junction	0 2 6	0 2 7
B.H. Junction North	0 16 0	0 16 3
B. H. North	4 1 6	4 2 0
B. H. South	5 1 6	5 2 6
B. H. South, contributing	4 12 0	4 13 0
B. H. South Blocks	1 1 6	1 1 9
Amalgamated Zinc	1 12 0	1 12 6
C.S.A. Mines, paid	0 5 0	..
Sulphide Corporation, ord.	..	0 13 0
Sulphide Corporation, pref.	..	1 10 3
Zinc Corporation, ord.	..	0 13 0
Ditto, pref.	..	2 1 0
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 1 0	0 1 2
Bookham, contributing	0 1 11	0 2 6
Cosmopolitan	0 6 0	0 6 6
Ditto, contg.	..	0 5 6
Harden	0 6 0	0 7 0
Mount David	..	0 0 7
Mount Drysdale	..	0 3 1
Occidental	0 6 9	0 7 0
GOLD.—Dredging and Sluicing.		
Araluen Central	0 3 0	0 4 0
Araluen Redbank	..	0 11 0
Buckland River	0 3 0	..
Ovens Valley	—	0 5 2
Tewkesbury Amalgated	—	0 10 0
Turon River	—	0 1 0
TIN.—Dredging and Sluicing.		
Cope's Creek	0 1 6	0 2 6
Great Britain Sluicing	1 5 0	1 7 0
New Wythe Creek	0 1 1	..
Tongkah Harbour Tin	1 7 0	1 8 4½
Tasmania.		
Mount Lyell	—	1 11 6
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Brilliant Extended	..	0 7 6
Mount Morgan	3 11 0	3 12 6
Gympie.		
Columbia Smithfield, contributing	0 0 2	—
North Smithfield	0 1 2	—
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 1 0	—
South Great Eastern, No. 2	..	0 5 9
Victoria.		
Monument Hill, contg.	—	0 4 0
Western Australia.		
Black Range	..	2 15 0
Black Range West, contributing	0 0 9	0 1 1
Bullfinch South, contributing	0 3 11	0 4 0
Bullfinch Proprietary	2 8 0	2 9 0
Golden Ridge	1 0 6	—
Great Boulder Perseverance	0 5 0	0 5 2
Great Chaffinch, contributing	0 5 1	0 5 2
Great Finch, contributing	..	0 1 9
Kalgurli South	..	0 10 6
Rowan's Find, contributing	0 3 6	0 3 8
Bullrush Gold Estate	0 4 10	0 5 3

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—Budgery, 1/5; Chillagoe, contg. 6/4; Kyloe Copper, 7/; six weeks, 6/10.

Silver.—B.H. Junction North, 16/; B.H. South Blocks, 21/9; six weeks, 21/9; B.H. South, paid, £5/2/; B.H. South, contg, 92/10½; British (old), 15/3; North Broken Hill, 82/.

Gold.—Waihi (New Zealand), 90/6; Great Boulder Perseverance, 5/2; Harden Gold Mine, 6/3; Cosmopolitan, paid, 6/5, 6/4.

Tin.—Gilmore Tin, 1/8½.

BULLFINCH SALES.

Bullfinch South, 4/.
Bullfinch Proprietary (odd lot), 48/6.
Great Chaffinch, 5/1.
Great Finch, 1/9.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Kangiara, 4/, 4/1; Queen Bee, 4/2, 4/3; Tolwong Mineral, 6 weeks, 7/.

Silver.—British (old), 15/; B.H. South Blocks, 21/9; B.H. South, paid, £5/2/.

Gold.—Occidental (Cobar), 6/10½.

Tin.—Nil.

BULLFINCH SALES.

Bullfinch South, 4/.
Great Chaffinch, 5/1.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

A private cable message states that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Tuesday were the following "middle" prices:—Mount Elliott, £5/3/9; Great Cobar, £5/2/6; Mount Morgans, 70/; Amalgamated Zinc, 32/; Golden Horseshoes, 84/4½; Bullfinch Proprietary, 50/, Great Chaffinch, 5/6; Bull Ant, 12/6; Waihi Gold, 87/6.

Others (buyers).—Broken Hill, 34/6; B.H. South (paid), £5; B.H. South Blocks, 21/9.

The cable added:—"Market opened and closed unchanged."

MINING NOTES.

At the Cobar Gladstone mine a pump has been fixed at the 260ft plat, and is throwing water to the surface. In the past fortnight the contractors, after extending the south drive 2ft to 46ft, gave up the work, and a fresh contract is proceeding well. As soon as the 260ft level has been cleaned up, and the dam and bulkhead removed, a winze will be started.

The Duke and Main Leads Company has declared a dividend of 6d per share, payable on February 24.

The manager of the Vegetable Creek tin mine telegraphs:—"Twelve inches average grade wash in west face; looks promising for good developments."

The main drive of the Nardin Deep Lead Gold Mines Company is in 243ft, and shows 2ft of wash of fair quality. A little water is running from it. The wash drives north and south across the lead will be started by the end of this week.

Operations at the Kangiara mine last week show that the No. 2 south winze, from No. 1 level, is down 74ft. The copper portion of the ore assayed 20.83 per cent., and the copper-lead section 2.14 per cent. of copper, with traces of lead. A winze has been started from No. 2 level on high-grade ore. The western wall of the south drive is being stripped. All this country shows low-grade copper ore. The stopes produced 34 tons of copper ore and 101 tons of lead ore. The mill treated 101 tons of lead ore, and produced 21 tons of concentrates. Some 36 tons of ore and 13 tons of concentrates were despatched.

MINING IN THE STATE.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The Miller No. 1 Gold Mining, Limited, which for four years held interests in the Miller Hill gold mineral quartz ridge, Turon River, has arranged to increase its capital to £15,000, by the issue of 40,000 new shares. Hitherto the company held a two-thirds interest in two leases only. Under the new arrangement it will wholly control four leases aggregating 23 acres, to extend half a mile along the line of lode.

ROCKLEY, Wednesday.

Mining matters in this district are very quiet at the present time. It is reported that the Main Ridge Deep Lead Company will shortly reopen. At the Newcastle syndicate's mine prospecting operations have started; also at the Long Point, but most of the other claims are under suspension.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The mill of the British mine, for the 16 days ended January 21, treated 6702 tons of crude ore, assaying 12.9 per cent. lead, 7.6oz silver, and 13.3 per cent. zinc, producing 1060 tons of leady concentrates, containing 662 tons of lead, 27,666oz of silver, and 79 tons of zinc; also 1107 tons of zinc concentrates, containing 485 tons of zinc, 12,070oz of silver, and 108 tons of lead.

The B.H. Block 14 Company last week raised and despatched 462 tons of carbonate ore to Port Pirie.

B.H. SOUTH EXTENDED COMPANY.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING IN LONDON.

DIRECTORS EXCEEDINGLY OPTIMISTIC.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The annual report of the Broken Hill South Extended mine has just been received from London. The report endorses all the information appearing in the Australian city press. The directors say they have no doubt that the company has proved a very valuable property, and one which should not only be self-supporting in the near future, but most satisfactorily remunerative eventually.

The general manager reports that there is no present necessity for sinking the main shaft any deeper, as there is an abundance of first-class ore above the 930ft level. The accounts to June 30 show that the mine expenses for the 12 months were £11,075; London expenses, £1081; and legal expenses, £639. The chief receipts were £2498 from the sale of water to the B.H. South Blocks mine. The annual meeting was held in London on December 14. Mr. J. H. Ward, chairman of directors, presided, and said that in a letter from Broken Hill the general manager had said:—"It is doubtful if any mine in Broken Hill can show a lode of better values than in the south drive at the 930ft level." The chairman said he had no hesitation in stating that he was convinced that the prosperity of the company was now assured. The company could either sell the crude ore or could accept an offer to erect a plant jointly with another company, and share in the profits, or could erect a mill, and sell the concentrates.

During the past couple of weeks the 600ft crosscut has been extended at the rate of 20ft per week. The crosscut is passing through highly favourable ground, strongly mineralised.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—

Morning: Bullfinch Prop., 49/; Bronzewing, £7/10/; Exhibition, 5/7; Bullfinch East, 3/9; Pine Hill, 5/3; Butterfly, 2/5; Rosella, 6/, 5/11.

Noon: Boulder Perseverance, 5/3; Bullfinch Prop., 49/; Rowan's Find, 2/11; Greenfinch, 2/8¼, 2/9; Bullrush, 5/2; Bullfinch West, 3/6; Butterfly, 2/6; Mararoa, 15/1½.

The closing sales and quotations were:—

Gold: Associated, b 7/6, 8/; Northern, b 4/10, 5/1; Commodore, paid, b 6/7, 7/5; ditto, cont., b 6/3, 7/3; Boulder, b 10/1½, 10/3; Perseverance, 5/4, 5/3, 5/5, b 5/6, 5/6; Golden Ridge, 27/10½, b 20/10½, 21/1½; Hainault, b 5/0, 5/11; Mararoa, 15/, b 15/, 15/3; Sons of Gwalia, b 33/9, 34/.

Bullfinch stocks: Exchange Tanami, b £14, s £20; Bullfinch Prop., 49/, 48/9, 50/, b 49/9, s 50/; Bullfinch South, cont., 3/8, 4/, b 3/10, s 4/1; Birthday Gift, cont., b 2/9, s 2/10; Bullrush Estates, cont., 5/3, 5/3, b 5/3, s 5/4; Eagle Hawk, cont., 2/, b 1/11¼, s 2/1; Greenfinch Prop., paid, cont., 2/5¼, 2/9, b 2/8¼, s 2/9; Great Chaffinch, cont., 5/3, 5/4, b 5/4, s 5/5; Pine Hill, cont., b 5/5, s 2/6; Rowan's Find, cont., 2/11, b 2/11, s 3/1; Young Bullfinch, cont., 5/7, 5/10, b 5/8, s 5/10; Bullfinch West, cont., 3/6, 3/10, b 3/10, s 3/11; Golden Butterfly, cont., 2/5, 2/7, b 2/6¼, s 2/7.

Silver: Proprietary, b 34/3, 34/9; British (old), 15/, b 14/10½, 15/3; ditto, new, 13/9, b 13/6, 13/9; Norths, b 81/, 83/6; Souths, paid, b 100/6, 102/6; South Blocks, b 21/4½, 21/7½; Junction North, b 15/9, 16/3; Amalgamated Zinc, b 32/3, 32/9; Zinc Corporation, ord., b 12/, 12/6.

Copper: Chillagoe, paid, b 7/0½, 7/3; Wallaroo, b 35/, 37/3.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—

Silver: Amalgamated Zinc, 32/9, 32/6; Magnet, 7/9¼; North Broken Hill, 83/.

Copper: Chillagoe, paid, 7/3; Great Fitzroy, 12/11, 12/10/; Hampden, 22/6, 22/3.

Tin: Briseis, 6/9, 6/11; Tingha Consolidated, pref., /3.

Gold: Ajax, 20/; Bird's Reef, 7/8; Cassilis, 2/9; Cathcart, 4/8, 4/6; ditto Central, 1/6; ditto victory, 1/2; Central Red, White, and Blue, 65/; Champion, 3/4, 3/3; Duke and Main Leads, 14/6, 14/7; Goldfields United, 1/7; Great Southern, 8/1; Horwoods and Burrowes, 1/2½; Johnson's Reef, 21/, 20/6, 21/; Langi Logan South, 2/1; Mauritius and Frenchman's, 5/6, 3/7; New Canice, 1/5; New Kohinoor, 3/; New Langi Logan, 6/3; Bullrush, 4/9; Great Chaffinch, 5/3; Great Finch, 1/8, 1/7½; Marvel Loch, 1/4½, 1/3, 1/5½; ditto, paid, 3/, 3/2; Young Bullfinch, 5/5.

BENDIGO, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—Bird's Reef, 7/1½, 7/6; Central Red, White, and Blue, 65/; Clarence United, 8/9; Golden Pyke, /6½; Goldfields United, 1/7; Horwoods and Burrowes, 1/2; New Moon United, 1/2½; New Shenandoah, 2/; St. Mungo, 1/8; South Birds, /8, /8½; Sadowa, /5; United Devonshire, 1/3.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

Quotations: Tasmania, b 3/5, s 3/7; Magnet, b 7/6, s 8/6; North Farrell, b 2/, s 2/8; Hercules, b 8/, s 8/6; Tasmanian Copper, b 3/3; Mount Bischoff, b £45, s £45/15/; Pioneer, b 2/, s 24/; Mutual Hill, b /7, s /10.

SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY.

By proclamation in the "Government Gazette" the provisions of the Saturday Half-holiday Act are extended to the undermentioned country shopping districts:—Liverpool, Cabramatta, and Canley Vale, Smithfield and Fairfield, Portland, Gulgong, and Inverell.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

HARDIE and GORMAN.—At Maroubra, Land.
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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The scratchings recorded yesterday in connection with the A.J.C. Anniversary Meeting were Orites out of the Novice Handicap, Proportion out of the Highweight Handicap, and Buddhist and Roseen out of all engagements.

Ungarie Race Club (March 8), Jerry's Plains Amateur Race Club (March 11), Lake Cudgellico Jockey Club (March 17), and Castlereagh Amateur Turf Club, Coonabarabran (March 15 and 16) race meetings have been granted registration by the A.J.C.

Nangar out of the Three-year-old Handicap, Kyloe out of the Carlingford Mile, and Adgio out of the January Stakes were the withdrawals notified yesterday in connection with the Rosehill January meeting.

Trainers and jockeys entitled to admission to the saddling paddock at Rosehill on Saturday next can obtain the necessary tickets at the office of the club up to 4 p.m. on Friday.

The anniversary meeting of the Bathurst Turf Club opens this afternoon.

The cross-country horse First Barrel, by Musketry from Minna, who has been performing in New Zealand with more or less success, will likely be brought across to Australia for the winter jumping campaign.

Bolan, who won the Hobart Cup yesterday, was bred in Victoria by Messrs. C. and H. Wilson, and is by Bobadil from Precedence, by Musket from Maid of Honour, by Kelpie. He started thrice as a two-year-old, but failed to catch the judge's eye; but last season he won five of the nine races in which he took part. His successes were achieved in the Maiden Plate and Trial Handicap at Ballarat March last; the Ballan and Farewell Handicaps, at Ballan, in April; and the April Handicap at the Ballarat miners' race meeting in that month.

Private advices received in Melbourne give particulars of the Viceroy's Cup, run at Calcutta on Boxing Day. Mr. A. A. Apcar had three representatives in the field—Mayfowl, Vavasor, and Lawn Sand—and his first jockey had the mount on Vavasor. Two days previously Mayfowl won a hurdle race run over a mile and three-quarters, but that performance did not add to his friends for the Cup race, for which he started in the outside division. However, he won easily from Black Buck and Fizz, while Vavasor finished fourth. The mile and three-quarters occupied 3m 2s. Mr. Apcar purchased Mayfowl in England for 88 guineas, but previously he had been racing at the battens with poor success.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the A.J.C. Committee was held yesterday afternoon. The appeal of A. Long against the decision of the Gladstone and Lower Macleay Jockey Club in disqualifying himself and the b g Neptunus was dismissed. The appeal of R. Thurston against the decision of the stipendiary stewards acting for the Inverell Jockey Club, in disqualifying himself, W. Coyne (jockey), and ch g Matchmaker, was dismissed. The appeal of T. Martin in the Battalion case was referred back to the Bowraville Jockey Club. The appeal of E. J. Watkins against the decision of the Barringun Amateur Race Club in the Promise-Sir Oliver case was deferred for further information.

James Lynch was allowed to amend the entry of Prizefighter for the Sydney Cup on payment of £1.

The recommendation of the stipendiary stewards that the entry of Maister's Daughter be refused was approved.

Mr. D. S. Rayner was appointed deputy registrar of racehorses for the Northern Rivers district, in lieu of Mr. W. H. Carmont, resigned.

The alteration of racing fixtures of the Newcastle Jockey Club from April 8 to April 12, and from September 9 to September 13, was approved.

The following sums were granted from the Distressed Jockeys' Fund:—William Hall, £4; Wm. Crimp, £10; and Wm. Burke, £10.

Permission to ride in races was granted to G. Mathews, F. E. Mayo, and Wm. Sullivan; jockeys' licenses were granted to E. Hatfield and H. Wickstead; and a trainer's license to John Whitworth.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

The A.J.C. Anniversary reunion, which opened so auspiciously on Saturday, will be concluded this afternoon, and the management has made due preparations for the requirements of a holiday crowd. The recent showery weather has kept the tracks and reserves bright and fresh, and, if a little heavy, the going should be first-class. The usual transit arrangements will be in vogue, special trams running at short intervals from Circular Quay, via Oxford-street, and from the railway station and the leading centres of the western suburbs, via Cleveland-street.

The sport commences at 12.30 p.m. with the Flying Handicap, in which the prospects of Maltchester, Grist, Royal Merv, and Adjacent seem the brightest, and the judge may declare for Maltchester, Adjacent, and Royal Merv.

A large field may be anticipated for the Novice Handicap, in which Rose L., La Pistol, Miss Luna, and Tartan Trimmings may have most to say towards the end of the trip, and the numbers may be hoisted for La Pistol, Rose L., and Miss Luna.

Orea, Exsul, Bran Jan, and Paul Neron should have the settlement of the Corinthian Handicap among them, and the places may go to Bran Jan, Paul Neron, and Exsul.

An interesting battle is promised for the Anniversary Handicap. Jinnee, who heads the list, must have a good look in with 8st 11lb, and with 5lb less Lady Ruenalf should give a good account of herself. Leuron should run well under 8st 4lb, and with a couple of pounds less Blue Gem should have a say in the settlement of the question. Brackenberg's recent performances were not attractive, but Nangar, Pan Out, and Crown Derby should be nicely suited with their respective imposts. The most likely to fight out the finish are Jinnee, Lady Ruenalf, Blue Gem, Nangar, and Crown Derby, and the situations may be filled by Jinnee, Blue Gem, and Lady Ruenalf.

The Second Nursery Handicap should attract a large field, and at the weights Humulus, Counterpoise, Hippon, and Dr. Hart appear to have the best chances, while Humulus, Counterpoise, and Dr. Hart may pass the post in that order.

The Highweight Handicap should bring about a good race among Edna May, Sir Simpleton, Saynden, and Lady Maltster, and the honours may be divided by Edna May, Saynden, and Sir Simpleton. The programme is subjoined:—

FLYING HANDICAP—6f.

	st	lb		st	lb
Pot Dance	9	5	Maltster Maid	7	4
Oweenee	9	4	Gold Pan	7	1
Maltchester	9	3	Adjacent	7	1
Melolot	8	10	Little Lad	6	12
Kuringai	8	6	Torquay	6	12
Gigandra	8	6	Beebeeru	6	11
Sylvander	8	4	Marnghi	6	7
Grist	8	0	Nancy Stair	6	7
Teragong	7	8	Mousseline	6	7
Royal Merv	7	6	[illegible]	6	7
Snowfoot	7	5	Queen Foote	6	7

NOVICE HANDICAP—1m.

B. F.	9	5	Strathroyale	7	9
Asturias	8	12	Blue Robin	7	8
Heliotrope	8	10	Tartan Trimmings	7	6
Sir Simpleton	8	10	Hilda Merv	7	2
Rose L.	8	4	Valima	7	2
La Pistol	8	2	Moeraki	6	12
Chaste	8	1	Toluca	6	12
Haze	8	0	Toro	6	12
Miss Luna	7	13	Lady Vanity	6	12
The Mane	7	11	Nonda	6	7
Merv Light	7	10	Real Grit	6	7
Idyia	7	10			

CORINTHIAN HANDICAP—1m.

Combination	11	12	Farrell	10	4
Orodes	11	9	Real Grit	10	0
Orea	11	9	Lady Olwen	10	0
Exsul	11	8	Morea	10	0
Bran Jan	11	8	Chronoscope	10	0
Paul Neron	11	4	Dummy	10	0
Bardstaff	10	10	Poppyfield	10	0
Swagger	10	7	Master Gauleon	10	0

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP of 500 sovs.—1½m.

Jinnee	8	11	Pan Out	6	13
Lady Ruenalf	8	6	Crown Derby	6	13
Leuron	8	4	Black Prince	6	10
Blue Gem	8	2	Possune	6	7
Brackenburg	7	8	Footlace	6	7
Nangar	7	6			

SECOND NURSERY HANDICAP.—6f.

Respect	9	9	Midlorn	7	2
Struthio	8	4	North Woodleigh	7	2
Sweet Bay	8	2	Port Stephens	7	2
Humulus	8	1	Dr. Hart	7	0
Ecuador	7	10	Crown Grant	7	0
Fugue	7	10	Wool	6	9
Counterpoise	7	9	Good Cheer	6	7
Mount Lyell	7	7	Bel Sorel	6	7
Psyttyx	7	7	Lady Content	6	7
St. Medoc	7	6	Souchong	6	7
Hippon	7	2	Perissa	6	7
Peronella	7	2			

HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP—1m.

Grist	10	4	La Pistol	8	10
Buddhist	10	1	Possune	8	9
Royal Mer	9	10	Prince Lack	8	9
Alibi	9	10	Lady Maltster	8	9
Combination	9	8	Chamade	8	9
Edna May	9	8	Gidyea	8	7
Orea	9	5	Outbreak	8	7
True Spec	9	0	Swagger	8	7
Paul Neron	9	0	Merv Light	8	7
Sir Simpleton	8	13	Colma	8	7
Saynden	8	13	Brazil	8	7
Diabolo	8	10	Something Irish	8	7

KENSINGTON RACING CLUB.

The attendance yesterday at Kensington was one of the best seen at that popular course, and though results were somewhat against backers the outing proved very enjoyable. Fields throughout were unusually large, and it was found necessary to divide the Fourteen-one Maiden Handicap. The Kensington Handicap was won by Horace, about whom an "outside" price was obtainable. Details:—

Flying Welter Handicap of 50 sovs, second 5 and third 2 sovs from the prize, 4½f.—Be There, by Beware—Red Rose, 5yrs., 8st (Hueston), 1; Edna May, 8st 13lb (Dose), 2; Lady Thespian, 8st 13lb (Walsh), 3. Other starters: Kashgaar, 10st 4lb; Defence, 9st 3lb; Matinee, 9st 1lb; Lady Sadie, 8st 6lb; Mirrie, 8st 5lb, inc. 1lb over; Chimes, 8st 2lb; Merveil, 8st; Norna, 8st 1½lb, inc. 1½lb over; Goldlink, 8st. Betting: 5 to 4 on Edna May, 4 to 1 v Chimes, 12 to 25 to 1 v others. Won by a neck. Time, 54½s.

Fourteen-one Maiden Handicap of 40 sovs, second 5 and third 2 sovs from the prize, 4½f.—First division: Wisdom, by April Fool (imp.)—Saunterer mare, 6yrs., 9st (Dove), 1; Irish, 8st 1lb (Montgomery), 2. Other starters: Raituhu, 8st 4lb; Miss Mervella, 8st 3lb; Goodnight, 8st 6lb, inc. 4lb over; Alison, 8st 1lb; Mary M'Dillon, 7st 13lb; Blue Boy, 8st 2lb, inc. 3lb over; Continuance, 7st 12lb. Betting: 2 to 1 on Wisdom, 6 to 1 v Miss Mervella, 15 to 20 to 1 v others. Won by half a length. Time, 56½s. Second division: Archeress, by Jack Short—Quiver, 5yrs., 7st 7lb (B. Byrne), 1; Dalhazel, 7st 12lb, inc. 1lb over (Patterson), 2. Other starters: Renthea, 7st 11½lb, inc. 1½lb over; Adnama, 7st 10lb; Lady Agnes, 7st 8½lb, inc. 1½lb over; Eyelie, 7st 7lb; Barneyette, 7st 7lb; Tyche, 7st 7lb; A.C., 7st 7lb. Betting: Even money on Archeress, 4 to 1 v Adnama, 5 to 1 v Renthea, 8 to 1 v Tyche, 10 to 20 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 56⅗s. Owners divided.

Thirteen-three Handicap of 50 sovs, second 5 and third 2 sovs from the prize, 4½f.—Lauraloo, by Deemster—Ginger mare, 5yrs, 12st 1lb (Thompson), 1; Maid of Athens, 7st 9lb (Griffiths), 2; Lady Norah, 8st 6lb (Livingstone), 3. Other starters: Brown Prince, 9st 12lb; Beaufleet, 8st 11lb; Dolly Gray, 8st 3lb; Maggie Doon, 7st 9lb, inc. 2lb over; Triamber, 7st 9lb, inc. 2lb over; Dorcas, 7st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v Lauraloo, 5 to 2 v Maggie Doon, 6 to 1 v Maid of Athens, 10 to 20 to 1 v others. Won by three lengths. Time, 1m.

Approved Stakes of 50 sovs., second 5, and third 2 sovs from the prize, 1m. Tally Ho, by Rifleite—Inspiration, 5yrs, 8st 3lb (Kerrigan), 1; Arilian, 10st 10lb (Thompson), 2; Director, 9st 2lb (Bindon), 3. Other starters: Schoolgirl, 8st 7lb; Lord Luton, 8st 11lb; Lord Beauhamp, 7st 11lb, incl. 4lb over; Millbir, 7st 4lb, incl. 2lb over; Lady Cross, 7st 2lb. Betting: 7 to 4 v Arillian, 2 to 1 v Director, 8 to 1 each v Tally Ho and Schoolgirl, 10 to 15 to 1 v others. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 46½s.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 50 sovs; second 5, and third 2 sovs from the prize, 4½f.—Lady Zola, by Benzon—Kitty, 6yrs, 8st 2lb (Carter), 1; Silver Rose, 8st 8lb (Moulden), 2; Energy, 8st 5lb (Walsh), 3. Other starters: Lemberg, 9st 3lb; Mulpera, 9st 1lb; Maid of All Work, 8st 12lb; Bile Beans, 8st 9lb; Lady Wilma, 8st 2lb; Miss Tosca, 8st; Grahal, 7st 12lb; Grip, 7st 12lb; Esperanza, 7st 9lb; Hoia, 7st 9lb; Albra, 7st 7lb; Bouquet, 7st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 v Maid of All Work, 5 to 1 each v Lemberg and Energy, 10 to 30 to 1 v others. Won by half a length. Time, 55½s.

Novice Handicap of 50 sovs.; second 5, and third 2 sovs, from the prize. 4½f.—Solarine, by Metal (imp.)—Ordinary, 4yrs, 7st 9lb (Dove), 1; Poppy, 8st 2lb (H. Miller), 2; Skipper, 7st 9lb (Goddard), 3. Other starters: Babbling Brook, 8st 11lb; Cinberry, 8st 4lb; Blackbird, 8st 1lb; Chatter, 8st; Master Merv, 7st 13lb; Lady Faith, 7st 9lb; Russley King, 7st 7lb; Topsy Turvy, 7st 7lb; Secnestor, 7st 7lb; Cardoness, 7st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Master Merv, 4 to 1 each v Cinberry and Lady Faith, 8 to 1 v Poppy, 10 to 30 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 57s.

Kensington Handicap of 60 sovs.; second 7, and third 3 sovs. from the prize. 6f.—Horace, by Dorchester—Pansy, 5yrs, 9st 2lb (Patterson), 1; Purple Straw, 8st 6lb (Thompson), 2; Crystal Prince, 7st 7lb (Livingstone), 3. Other starters: Master Simmer, 9st 1lb; Merlbrook, 9st 6lb; Amy, 8st 13lb; Haut To, 8st 11lb; Ascot, 8st 4lb; Rose Ivy, 8st 1lb; Manning, 7st 10lb; Charmwood, 7st 9lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v Amy, 4 to 1 v Purple Straw, 5 to 1 each v Merlbrook and Rose Ivy, 8 to 1 v Ascot, 10 to 20 to 1 v others. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 16½s.

BATHURST TURF CLUB.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Bathurst Turf Club opened to-day. The weather was exceptionally favourable, and the recent rains did not affect the track, the running being very good. Some fine finishes were witnessed. The attendance was about equal to that of previous years. Everything passed off without accident. The takings at the gate were over £200.

Results:—

Kilrush Stakes, 6f.—E. T. and W. H. Gibbs' M.J.A., by Orzil—Will-o'-the-Wisp, 7st 6lb, 1; Mrs. T. Doyle's Plaiden, 8st 3lb, 2; James Dewar's Leyton, 7st 2lb, 3. Other starters: Troon, May Dance. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 18 3-5s.

Trial Handicap, 6f.—J. Langham's Potosi, by St. Alwyne—Jacinth, 9st 5lb, 1; W. Hook's Amherst Queen, 8st 10lb, 2; Tait and Simmons' Larris King, 8st 4lb, 3. Other starters: Gerald, Windrodine, War Boy, Nyas, Trim, Tinapages, Lagoon, Ledarite, Amber Lad, Shoo. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 20s.

Blackdown Handicap, 1m and 55yds.—J. Horton's Orsile, 9st, 1; S. Bolton's Hymeneal, 6st 12lb, 2; E. J. Myersole's Malt Rose, 9st 2lb, 3. Other starters: Rolled Oats, C.T., Marvel Lawn, Lady True, Queen Helen, Merit, Lady Stanmore. Time, 1m 48 3-5s.

Flying Handicap, 6f.—W. A. Ross' Lupolo, by Maltster—Kate, 8st 5lb, 1; Mrs. T. Doyle's Plaiden, 9st 4lb, 2; W. Booth's Simola, 8st 2lb, 3. Other starters: Aragan, Lord Daniel, Cincinnati, Zeus, Wotah. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 18 3-5s.

Turon Welter, 7f.—G. Pinsley's Morok, by Beauchamp (imp.)—Belle of Lymee, 9st 5lb, 1; P. Power's Monaghan, 8st 3lb, 2; Tait and Simmons' Larris King, 7st 7lb, 3. Other starters: Card, Clumine, Leyton, Claude, Loftus, Redway, Doyle, Big Fellow, Jeanena. Won by a length. Time, 1m 31 2-5s.

DENILIQUIN LICENSED VICTUALLERS' RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

DENILIQUIN, Wednesday.

The summer race meeting of the local Licensed Victuallers' Club was held to-day under fair conditions. The weather was warm and muggy; medium fields competed; there was a fair attendance, and the going was in good order. Results:—

Trial Handicap, 6f.—G. Hindson's Spey Pearl, 7st 10lb (Devine), 1; E. Stratton's Joy Bells, 7st 10lb (owner), 2; F. Barber's Targam, 8st 10lb (Beckett), 3. Other starters: Sir Hugo, Alaen, Irrawara, Maude. Betting: 6 to 4 on the winner, 2 to 1 v Targam. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1m 19s.

Handicap, 1m.—G. Hindson's Suspensive, 7st 7lb (Devine), 1; A. M'Innes' Rafter, 9st (Stratton), 2; J. King's Theresa, 8st (Grey), 3. Nucas also started. Betting: 6 to 4 v the winner, 5 to 2 v Nucas. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 44s.

Time Handicap Trot, 1¼m.—A. M'Innes' Brownjug, 5s beh, 1; J. Robertson's Young Ena, 3s beh, 2; J. Everitt's Monty, 5s beh, 3. Other starters: Pansy, Local Option, Probity. Betting: 2 to 1 on Young Ena, 3 to 1 v the winner. A close finish. Time, 4m 14s.

Welter Handicap, 7f.—J. Davies' Regretful, 8st 5lb (Bott), 1; A. M'Innes' Knocknagon, 9st 5lb (Stratton), 2; R. Fraser's Crieff, 8st 2lb (Glennon), 3. Alsen also started. Betting: 6 to 4 on Knocknagon, 3 to 1 v Regretful. The best race of the day. Won by a neck. Time, 1m 33½s.

Hack Race, 6f.—O. Jones' Lupine, 8st 7lb, 1; E. Stratton's Joy Bells, 9st 7lb, 2; J. King's Sir Hugo, 3. Other starters: Willurah, Sipango. Betting: Even money on the winner, 6 to 4 v Joy Bells. Won by three lengths. Time, 1m 19½s.

Flying Handicap, 6f.—A. M'Innes' Biplane, 8st 5lb (Stratton), 1; J. King's Theresa, 8st (Grey), 2; F. Barber's Targam, 7st 10lb (Devine), 3. A splendid race. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 17½s.

BARRABA TURF CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

BOMBAH WINS TOWN PLATE.

BARRABA, Wednesday.

The Barraba Turf Club's annual meeting commenced to-day. The weather was dull, the Town Plate being run in a heavy shower. The attendance was large, and the racing first-class. The stipendiary steward, Mr. A. W. H. Bull, was present.

Results:—

Opening Handicap, 7f.—Mr. J. Bracken's Chesby, 8st 12lb (Vitnell), 1; Mulwaree, 8st 12lb, 2; Golden Days, 8st 11lb, 3. Betting: 2 to 1 each v Chesby and Mulwaree, 3 to 1 v Golden Days. Won by a length. Time, 1m 33s.

Trial Stakes, 6f.—A. Baldwin's Master Standish, 9st (Vitnell), 1; Kentish Fire, 8st, 2; Monablue, 8st 7lb, 3. Betting: 5 to 4 v Monoblue, 2 to 1 v Master Standish. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 19s.

Town Plate, 1m.—H. R. Munro's Bombah, 7st 4lb (Callinan), 1; Blue Foam, 7st 5lb, 2; Chesby, 8st 8lb, 3. Betting: 5 to 4 v Bombah, 5 to 1 v Blue Foam, 6 to 1 v Chesby. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 48s.

Flying Welter, 6f.—M'Kechnie and Sinclair's Mulwaree, 9st 2lb (Byrnes), 1; Bonnie Princess, 8st 12lb, 2; Artigo, 9st, 3. Betting: 6 to 4 v Artigo, 7 to 4 v Mulwaree, 2 to 1 v Bonnie Princess. Won easily. Time, 1m 24½s.

Shire Stakes, 6f.—Stapleton's Slow Boy, 8st 8lb (Robinson), 1; Master Standish, 9st 9lb, 2; Revolve, 9st 5lb, 3. Betting: Even money on Slow Boy, 2 to 1 v Master Standish, 5 to 1 v Revolve. Won by a length. Time, 1m 36s.

TASMANIAN RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

BOLAN WINS HOBART CUP.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The summer meeting of the Tasmanian Racing Club commenced to-day on the Elwick racecourse, Tasmania, in dull and showery weather, but there was a very large attendance, characteristic of Hobart Cup Day. On the lawn were his Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Dudley, the State Governor and Lady Barron, and several Ministers. The track was in excellent condition, and the racing good, with large fields. Results:—

Maiden Plate.—Mr. Brennan's Charitable (Dunn), 1; Mr. M'Combes' Skipaway (Lewis), 2; Mr. Waller's Sea Urchin (Campbell), 3. Other starters: Homeriak, Kermandie, Gelert, Roonganah, Teso, Oboe, Still Night, The Boer, Eridalea, Gay Bill. Totalisator dividend for 10s, 33s and 9s.

First Hurdle, 2¼m.—Mr. Cooley's Zocholme, by Leeholme, 9st 7lb (Harrison), 1; Mr. Hudson's Steam, 11st 7lb (Wilson), 2; Mr. Kenmure's Minister, 9st (Williams), 3. Dividend, £2 6s. Holdsberg and Madge fell.

Waverley Handicap, 7f.—Mr. Patmore's Starling's Dream, by Dreamland—Starling, 8st 8lb (W. Andrews), 1; Mr. Waller's Coon, 9st 5lb (Dunn), 2; Mr. Bennett's Burnie, 9st 5lb (Lewis), 3. Dividend, £2 7s and £1.

Hobart Cup of 500 sovs, 1¼m.—Mr. J. Scobie's blk h Bolan, by Bobadil—Precedence, 4yrs, 7st 13lb (R. Lewis), 1; Mr. Clare's b h Drumreagh, by Leeholme—Rosslyn, 6yrs, 9st, 2; Mr. Creswick's ch g Iliad, by Malvolio—Hium, aged, 8st 5lb (E. Andrews), 3. A quarter of a mile from home Drumreagh was leading, but Bolan went ahead in the straight and won by half a neck, a head separating second and third. Time, 2m 35 3-5s. Which is easily a record for the course. Totalisator dividends, £1 12s and £3 4s 6d.

Juvenile Handicap, 5f.—Mr. Field's Soro, 7st 11lb (Graham), 1; Mr. Thirkell's Colinette, 7st 11lb (Jennings), 2; Mr. Whitney's Lilystone, 7st 11lb (Campbell), 3. Dividend, £1 4s.

Flying Handicap, 6f.—Messrs. Brock and Gason's Joe, by Harmonist—Canister, 8st 7lb (Sweeney), 1; Mr. Youl's Oakdene, 7st 7lb (Leeke), 2; Mr. Field's Sonnasco, 7st (Graham), 3. Dividends, 17s and 10s.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

LOS ANGELES WINS SUMMER HANDICAP.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Wednesday.

The Summer Meeting of the Wellington Racing Club was continued to-day, when the race for the principal event on the card resulted as under:—

Summer Handicap of 400 sovs., 1m.—Mr. R. D. O'Donnell's ch g Los Angeles, by San Francisco (imp.)—La Valliere, 5yrs, 9st, 1; Mr. J. Lowe's Effort, 8s 6lb, 2; Hon. J. D. Ormond's Birkdale, 7st 13lb, 3. Ten starters. Time, 1m 40 2-5s.

ALBION PARK JOCKEY CLUB.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

At the Albion Park races to-day there was a good attendance. The weather was fine, and the sum of £555 15s passed through the totalisator. The contest for the principal event resulted as under:—

Park Handicap, 7f.—Palmer Grade, by Palmer—Sunglo, 7st 2lb (O'Neill), 1; Lap King, 9st 6lb (Houseman), 2; King Falo, 9st 10lb (Coughlin), 3. Other starters: Splendid, Sunday, Lady Gossoon. Betting: 5 to 2 v Palmer Grade, 3 to 1 v Lap King, 7 to 2 v Sunday, 4 to 1 v Splendid, 7 to 1 v King Falo and Lady Gossoon. Won by a neck, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1m 30½s. Dividends, £1 14s, and 8s.

WALLSEND JOCKEY CLUB.

JANUARY MEETING.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

Subjoined are the weights for all Wallsend Jockey Club's races on Saturday next:—

Flattsburg Handicap, 6f.—Comus, 10st; Tinagroo, 9st; Isla, 9st; Ayreline, 8st 9lb; Billikin, 8st 9lb; Mazzie, 7st 9lb; Ayrshire Maid, 7st; Long Loch, 7st; Barque, 7st; Potassium, 7st; Lord Hautboy, 6st 12lb; Hooghama, 6st 7lb; Semele, 6st 7lb; Halstruth, 6st 7lb.

Welter Handicap, 7f.—Scopas, 9st 12lb; Hasty Merv, 9st 10lb; Ocean Pilot, 9st 4lb; Kearsarge, 9st 2lb; Lady Fucile, 9st 2lb; Wallensis, 9st 2lb; Dorenta, 8st 10lb; Alca, 8st 10lb; Balbriggan, 8st 4lb; Black Malt, 8st; Satan, 7st 7lb; North Coast, 7st 7lb; Mystical, 7st 7lb; Marini, 7st 7lb; Angelique, 7st 7lb; Sir Rock, 7st 7lb; Batross, 7st 7lb; Gunpost, 7st 7lb; Nereno, 7st 7lb.

Town Plate, 1¼m.—Comus, 9st 7lb; Glaze, 8st 12lb; Rocklight, 8st 7lb; Lady Fucile, 7st 12lb; Pinfall, 7st 7lb; Ayrshire Maid, 6st 12lb; Arch, 6st 12lb; Barque, 6st 7lb; Squires, 6st 7lb; Semele, 6st 7lb.

Maryland Handicap, 6f.—Balbriggan, 9st 5lb; Potassium, 9st; Black Malt, 8st; Satiety, 9st; Royal Crown, 8st 12lb; Crown Thistle, 8st 12lb; Captain Leigh, 8st 8lb; Lord Donovan, 8st 8lb; Volupia, 8st 4lb; Slow Walk, 8st 4lb; Glenomara, 7st 4lb; Yellow Gem, 7st 4lb; Urania, 7st 4lb; Patrolene, 6st 4lb; Angelique, 6st 7lb; Blue Top, 6st 7lb; Cautious, 6st 7lb; Equiria, 6st 7lb; Gunport, 6st 7lb; Wiseman, 6st 7lb; Merk, 6st 7lb; Chewey, 6st 7lb.

Final Handicap, 1m.—Haut [illegible], 9st 5lb; Isla, 9st 5lb; Scopas, 9st 2lb; Ayreline, 9st; Hasty Merv, 9st; Billikin, 9st; Ocean Pilot, 8st 8lb; Lady Fucile, 8st 6lb; Wallensis, 8st 6lb; Pinfall, 8st; Dorenta, 8st; Hollyn, 7st 5lb; Ayreshire Maid, 7st 5lb; Arch, 7st 5lb; Black Malt, 7st 3lb; Squires, 7st; Semele, 7st; Marine, 6st 7lb.

GOLF.

To-day's engagements are:—

Australian G.C.—Summer cup, 36 holes open amateur bogey match.

Concord G.C.—Bogey competition, best card all day.

Holroyde G.C.—Bogey competition.

Bonnie Doon G.C.—Morning, bogey match; afternoon, stroke competition.

Manly G.C.—Handicap events, open to all visitors.

Killara G.C.—Thirty-six holes stroke handicap, trophies for best morning and afternoon rounds, and gross score.

Drummoyne G.C.—Bogey competition for Mr. A. E. Carfrae's trophy, best card all day.

AUSTRALIAN GOLF CLUB.

Following is the draw for the Anniversary Day open competition of the Australian Golf Club, to be held at Kensington to-day. Time, 9.30 and 12.40, T. W. Garrett v C. A. Sinclair; 9.34 and 12.44, R. H. Crowtoer v A. B. Tonner; 9.38 and 12.48, T. Smith v E. James; 9.42 and 12.52, A. E. D'Arcy v Claud Reading; 9.46 and 12.56, J. S. Adams v W. B. Williamson; 9.50 and 1 o'clock, B. W. McClelland v R. Fitzgerald; 9.54 and 1.4, R. E. Finlay v E. J. Erskine; 9.58 and 1.8, W. A. Purdom v O. L. McCoy; 10.2 and 1.12, A. McMillan v W. Eales; 10.6 and 1.16, E. A. Roberts v T. S. Kirkland; 10.10 and 1.20, O. Gregory v A. M. Shannon; 10.14 and 1.24, W. S. Laidley v R. F. Bailey; 10.18 and 1.28, N. F. Christoe v F. Holt; 10.22 and 1.32, Alex. Orr v F. S. Smith; 10.26 and 1.36, F. M. Stephen v J. Kidd; 10.30 and 1.40, O. H. Wines v R. G. Vernon; 10.34 and 1.44, J. S. Allen v R. J. Browning; 10.38 and 1.48, A. H. Chambers v W. McMurray; 10.42 and 1.52, R. J. Pope v S. G. Curtis; 10.46 and 1.56, H. S. Holt v A. W. H. Padfield; 10.50 and 2 o'clock, A. T. Hale v W. V. Brown; 10.54 and 2.4, R. Colquhoun v G. T. Balcombe; 10.58 and 2.8, E. L. Apperley v H. M. Stephen; 11.2 and 2.12, J. D. Wormald v C. L. M. Potts; 11.6 and 2.16, G. N. Buzacott v F. A. A. Russell; 11.10 and 2.20, W. H. Fairfax v H. B. P. Hepworth; 11.14 and 2.24, D. S. K. Miller v R. T. Hilder; 11.18 and 2.28, E. H. Rutledge v R. S. McCoy; 11.22 and 2.32, J. B. Milne v N. M. Lloyd; 11.26 and 2.36, E. M. Lobouco v J. Vicars; 11.30 and 2.40, C. C. Ross v W. L. Taylor; 11.34 and 2.44, W. Sylvester v R. H. Cumming; 11.38 and 2.48, A. R. J. Watt v T. W. Mogg; 11.42 and 2.52, H. Terrey v Gordon Craig; 11.46 and 2.56, Horace Ireland v E. L. Rutledge; 11.50 and 3 o'clock, T. Stone Dixson v G. I. Banks.

NEW SOUTH WALES GOLF COUNCIL.

GENERAL HANDICAP.

The handicaps of players throughout the State have been revised to date as follows. The handicaps will be used in all golf competitions on Anniversary Day:—

4.—O. H. O'Brien.

5.—E. P. Simpson, E. L. Apperley, N. F. Christoe, W. S. Laidley.

6.—F. J. Blaxland, T. S. Cheadle, J. Leigh, C. L. Mackenzie, C. H. Reading, L. R. Oswald-Sealy, T. Smith, F. Springthorpe.

7.—R. B. Godbolt, P. S. Jones, F. Mackay, J. S. Marks, H. M. Stephen, C. A. White.

8.—G. T. Balcombe, O. Craig, R. Colquhoun, A. E. D'Arcy, Lord Dudley, R. C. Forbes, H. N. Giblin, H. B. Gritton, K. Harrison, H. W. M'Lelland, E. J. B. Macarthur, B. S. Noake, F. B. Oliver, P. W. Pope, R. J. Pope, W. Rundle, H. Terrey.

9.—K. G. Bailey, J. H. Bettington, A. A. Burt, S. G. Clift, J. Cowie, S. G. Curtis, H. R. Crossman, A. O. Gillies, M. B. Halligan, G. W. Holdship, J. R. Hooper, S. J. Hudson, H. F. Kent, H. Macnell, A. W. Padfield, C. A. Sinclair, W. A. Windeyer, E. M. Stephen, J. E. Stokes.

10.—J. S. Adams, W. Andrew, A. W. Campbell, G. S. Freeman, R. Gore, S. E. Laidley, F. D. Layton, R. W. Martin, C. T. Metcalfe, W. Mogg, K. L. Newman, A. H. O'Connor, A. Orr, O. H. Paterson, R. Payten, H. Payten, R. W. Pritchett, M. F. Ramsay, R. Rankin, R. P. Ross, G. Shepherd, A. Siefert, T. Simpson, F. S. Spence, G. Suttor, G. B. Thomas, A. Wilson.

11.—J. M. Arnott, F. G. Braithwaite, L. W. Broughton, H. M. Cockshott, N. V. Curtin, W. G. Dixon, W. B. Fairfax, M. J. Holmes, A. Mills, H. G. Hyde, M. B. Love, V. D. Inglis, W. F. Maschwitz, C. R. M'Phillamy, C. C. Nelson, W. R. Opie, N. Pilcher, J. Rowley, G. Rutherford.

12.—A. Aitken, F. Amphlett, W. G. Blaxland, E. Carver, J. Chirnside, L. Dobbin, H. W. Fairfax, W. A. Freeman, C. M. Garrard, T. W. Garratt, A. Goldsbury, R. Graham, J. O. Harris, W. S. Hinder, F. J. James, R. R. Jones, J. Kell, J. Kidd, B. J. Lawrence, G. H. Lee, H. Lowcock, H. H. Lysaght, W. A. Martin, W. L. Martin, H. Marks, H. J. Merewether, F. A. Moule, O. L. M'Coy, M. M'Evor, R. M'Intosh, W. M'Murray, G. H. Newman, S. F. Perston, R. F. Reading, R. J. A. Roberts, P. R. Russell, F. A. A. Russell, E. S. Scarvell, F. S. Shenstone, G. B. Sowerby, P. Thompson, F. Tombleson, L. Upward, R. Whytt.

13.—W. D. Anderson, H. W. Apperley, W. E. Bain, M. A. Black, H. Y. Braddon, W. S. Brown, W. S. Cook, F. G. Crossman, S. Cotton, P. J. Coffey, E. J. Doran, D. S. Edwards, R. Gale, G. Gillespie, C. E. Graham, A. V. Hilliard, C. Hope, R. H. L. Innes, A. B. Johnson, L. Keep, W. N. Kelman, E. A. Littlejohn, N. C. Lockhart, W. C. Mayor, R. S. M'Coy, F. L. Merewether, A. G. Miller, A. R. Minter, H. S. Moss, A. L. Mullens, W. T. Macpherson, M. Mollison, J. Morton, H. S. Pope, W. Powrie, R. L. Ranken, W. E. V. Read, C. W. Schrader, C. H. Scott, D. M. Soane, J. Stephen, W. F. Stephenson, R. A. Warden, R. R. Wisdom, W. J. Windridge.

14.—M. G. Anderson, M. A. Aronson, L. J. Brecklemann, E. A. Blaxland, F. H. Blaxland, R. Bowman, A. Bullmore, G. S. Buzacott, A. J. Craig, H. Clarke, G. T. Coldwell, H. B. Copeland, R. E. Cummins, G. T. Doyle, W. T. Edwards, R. B. Entwisle, D. G. Ferrier, R. D. Fitzgerald, E. R. Fraser, H. M. Hamilton, G. P. Heney, W. O'G. Hughes, G. M. L. Innes, A. Lee, A. E. Mills, J. R. Milne, C. B. Minnett, F. A. Moses, A. J. M'Lachlan, H. S. M'Lelland, A. E. Nott, L. Owen, C. H. Pearson, J. S. Perry, A. L. Potter, L. E. Rankin, A. R. Raleigh, A. H. Raleigh, G. Ross, E. Scott-Scott, J. C. Scouller, S. Smith, E. T. Thring, A. S. Vallack, H. Warren, A. R. J. Watt, P. G. White.

15.—J. S. Allen, J. O. Anderson, F. H. Andrew, W. Atkins, jun., H. E. Barritt, S. R. Beatty, F. C. Boys, J. Brown, C. S. Cape, C. F. Chapman, H. Chisholm, P. Cureton, J. Colley, H. Craig, R. Craig, D. Donald, G. J. Doyle, J. Flynn, C. A. Fraser, E. Duret, J. Garland, A. H. Garraway, R. S. George, H. S. Holt, C. B. Howse, P. W. Johnson, J. P. Jonas, R. H. Jones, W. Judge, — Julian, C. W. King, A. E. Langwill, B. C. Lethbridge, H. M. Love, H. L. Lovegrove, H. J. W. Marks, C. J. M'Donald, J. A. May, J. S. Meiklejohn, H. H. M. Merewether, W. Metcalfe, S. Moore, W. J. Morey, W. F. Moses, R. W. Mackellar, W. K. S. M'Kenzie, F. L. D. M'Rae, G. W. Ord, L. S. Osborne, J. Paton, A. G. Payten, D. J. Pilcher, A. F. Rose, S. Rennie, W. Dowan, W. Sylvester, W. M. Sheirie, A. Tassell, A. B. Thomas, S. A. Thompson, M. Tilbury, W. Tilley, J. E. Tonks, A. W. Turnbull, A. H. Uther, H. G. Vernon, P. J. N. Watson, C. E. Weigall, D. A. Welsh, A. G. Wesche, O. H. Wines, E. W. Wickham, S. E. A. Wilkinson, R. Worrall.

16.—F. C. Adams, F. J. Biddulph, E. B. Biddulph, F. J. Bethune, C. B. Blackburn, A. A. Burke, J. Burke, D. Challands, J. V. Cobcroft, W. H. Cowper, H. O. Clissold, C. S. Crossman, N. S. Collis, F. W. A. Eagar, C. Edwards, J. O. Fairfax, M. C. Faviell, A. M. Gabriell, C. Gant, J. W. Greaves, F. W. Harmer, H. B. P. Hepworth, R. T. Hilder, G. Hird, J. Z. Hule, A. F. Jacob, R. Little, W. W. Lyon, E. R. Magnus, A. Marshall, T. Mitcell, C. D. Meares, W. A. M'Donald, H. D. M'Lelland, A. J. Monks, H. Moses, H. de V. Newtown, W. C. Penfold, C. J. E. Peshall, W. H. C. Ranken, A. J. Simpson, F. S. Smith, S. Smith, W. L. Taylor, J. S. Thom, J. A. Thompson, J. Wilson, H. Wolstenholme, W. M. J. Wash.

17.—A. L. Bain, H. Berkeley, F. W. Parker, R. Blaxland, J. T. Brewster, W. V. Brown, C. H. Caswell, V. T. Cohen, E. Crisp, F. L. V. Coffey, L. G. Cohen, A. Corr, C. E. Cowdery, F. J. Ewens, T. Finley, E. P. Ford, G. J. Galbraith, L. E. Gannon, W. H. German, R. Grant, O. Gregory, F. Hill, E. Hine, H. Hoddart, F. R. Hood, T. J. Kirkland, M. Lawson, R. D. M'Lelland, W. D. Meriwether, J. M'Carthy, J. F. M'Keown, C. J. M'Donell, R. C. Monday, C. E. Norman, C. W. Oaks, A. A. Palmer, C. W. Pratt, W. J. Quodling, E. A. Roberts, G. H. Rankin, C. C. Ross, J. R. D. Scott, G. R. Robertson, E. N. Rowley, F. H. Spier, W. H. Strong, L. A. B. Stuart, A. J. Telfer, Taylor Young, E. P. Walker, A. J. Warry, H. H. Whitty, A. Wilshire, J. Wilson.

18.—T. J. Aldcorn, J. K. Bain, W. Balcombe, H. E. Barff, D. O. Barnes, G. Bell, A. Bragg, W. Callan, A. H. Chambers, E. Chapman, W. Chorley, T. W. Cohen, J. Coles, Jas. Colley, N. Y. Deane, E. Doran, T. L. Docker, S. J. Douglas, W. Eales, M. B. Elder, W. Epps, J. J. Falconer, Dr. Forester, R. S. George, J. N. Goodwyn, E. Grant, C. W. Harriott, W. Howard, C. A. Johnson, P. O. Jones, A. Knox, A. M. Lee, E. Love, G. M'Allister, F. M. M'Leod, J. M. Mackenzie, F. Manning, S. Mayne, E. G. Matthews, J. Murray, G. E. Oldham, H. Parbury, W. A. Purdon, T. Raine, A. A. Rankin, A. Ross Reid, R. S. Reid, A. T. Robey, H. P. Robinson, P. G. Sharp, N. V. Shiels, H. J. H. Scott, F. J. Smith, S. Stoker, F. A. Thorpe, J. Warren, F. Walsh, E. Webster, H. E. Wyndham, R. D. Whyte, J. E. Westgarth.

Club secretaries should notify errors and omissions, and offer criticisms when notifying alterations on the 23rd of each month. The actual scores made which it is considered justify the alterations should be given.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

TO-DAY.

Both League and Union racing cyclists will be engaged to-day at the Druids' Gala on the Agricultural Ground. The first event of the N.S.W. Cyclists' Union starts at 11 a.m., the events under the League of N.S.W. Wheelmen at 11.50 a.m.

UNION NOTES.

The Centennial Club is holding a 10 miles road championship on Saturday on the Bunnerong-road. The week-end run is to Narrabeen.

A three-mile road race for members of the Marrickville Club is to be run over the Homebush course next Saturday. At the last meeting of the club Mr. R. E. Sloane resigned as hon. secretary, and Mr. A. C. Gray was elected to fill the vacant position.

LEAGUE NOTES.

The secretary of the Melbourne Bicycle Club (Mr. R. M'Cullough) has written a letter of congratulation to Mr. A. E. O'Brien on his election as president of the League of N.S.W. Wheelmen.

The Bethungra Club, Mr. A. P. Hogan hon. secretary, has applied for particulars regarding registration with the League.

The League's president and secretary state that neither the Newcastle Club nor the Newcastle Summer Nights' Amusements Company applied to the League for sanction for the race meeting last Saturday night. It is stated that the promoting secretary applied through the local club, but the Sydney officials do not appear to have heard of the application.

CRICKET.

N.S.W. v VICTORIA.

To-day, at the Sydney Cricket Ground, will be played the return match between New South Wales and Victoria. This is the last interstate match of the season. The remaining matches will be the two international fixtures, New South Wales v South Africa and the fifth and last test match. To-day's match will begin at noon. Trumper will lead the locals, and Armstrong the visitors.

The New South Wales team will not be definitely picked until this morning. The selectors may decide to play an additional left-hander; if so, R. J. A. Massie or W. Makin will be picked. The team will, therefore, be chosen from the following:—Trumper (captain), Bardsley, Barbour, Carter, Cotter, Emery, Hordern, Kelleway, Macartney, M'Elhone, E. L. Waddy, E. F. Waddy, Toser, Makin, and Massie.

SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The South African cricketers arrived from Tasmania by the Loongana this morning. They leave for Hamilton to-morrow morning, and commence a match there on Friday.

BOWLS.

CALEDONIAN BOWLING CLUB.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

At the annual meeting of the Caledonian Bowling Club Mr. George Larkin, Sydney, was elected delegate to the association. The past year has been a satisfactory one, and steady progress was made.

LAWN TENNIS.

NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

THE NEW COUNCIL.

There will be a plentiful supply of new blood on the council of the New South Wales Association this year, as the result of the elections which have just been completed. Last year there were 19 councillors, and of these only 11 remain; some of the others voluntarily retired, and others failed to secure re-election. Many of these will be missed, but there is good material in the newcomers, amongst whom are included men of business experience, whose services should be of great value. Three representatives of the debenture holders will have places on the council for the first time, the number of councillors being thus raised to 22. It was thought that the Sunday tennis question might influence the voting, but it is doubtful whether this was the case. Strong advocates and equally strong opponents of the measure have found places on the council, while others of equally strong views failed to do so. The new hon. secretary, Mr. W. B. Clark, was formerly on the council, and has had much experience in conducting matches and tournaments. It is a strange coincidence that he began his tennis career with the Wahgunyah Club, which supplied his predecessor in the position, Mr. T. H. Hicks. Of late years Mr. Clark has been a member of the committee of the Sydney Club, of which he was hon. treasurer for some time. The higher grades of tennis have received an addition of strength by the presence of such players as H. Rice, H. A. Parker, W. A. Clark, A. D. Webb, E. W. Hicks, and others, and their opinions will be of value. The new council will have the advantage of being in a position to recommend all players to use the courts which are this season in greatly improved condition, and, no doubt, this will lead to a greater revenue.

AMBIDEXTROUS PLAYERS.

When one of the country players in the recent competitions was seen to change his racket from his right hand to his left, instead of making the customary back-hand stroke, a good deal of surprise was manifested, as this practice is very unusual now. In the earlier days of tennis in this State, however, ambidextrous players were not uncommon, and included amongst them were some of great ability. Amongst the first was Keyser, an Englishman, who won what was practically, though not in name, the New South Wales championship, the event taking place before the championship was instituted. His success induced some right-handed players to endeavour to cultivate a left-handed stroke, but the experiment was not satisfactory. Possibly the best of the type under discussion was Captain E. W. Wallington, who was at that time private secretary to Lord Carrington, Governor of New South Wales. Captain Wallington was included in the New South Wales team against Victoria on two or three occasions, and also won the Sydney Lawn Tennis Club's captaincy from the best players in the State. He had a very long reach, with either hand, and was extremely accurate. Another prominent player of this kind was A. B. ("Banjo") Paterson. Paterson was not naturally left-handed, but learned to play in that manner while his right arm was broken. Leibius, another New South Wales representative, was also proficient with either hand. Both he and Paterson used to serve with either right or left hand, whereas Wallington invariably served right handed. Leibius had a back-hand stroke in addition, which is unusual in players of this kind, and the necessity for using the backhand instead of changing, in order to gain time, which is of especial importance when volleying, is probably the reason why the ambidextrous player is seldom seen now.

SAILING.

ST. GEORGE CLUB.

The St. George Sailing Club have a skiff handicap on for decision next Saturday over the Towra-Sans Souci course. This race will be sailed by novice skippers. Following are the handicaps:—Myth (Peter Depena), Unique (J. Singleton), Olympic (Bert Parr), scratch; Thrush (C. Stansbury), 1m; Una (W. M'Leod), 2m.

SWIMMING.

LEICHHARDT SWIMMING CLUB.

A large entry has been received for the above club's carnival, to be held at Leichhardt Baths on Saturday next. All the best distance swimmers have entered for the one mile president's cup handicap, and Solomons and Wickham are competing in the 50yds interclub event. Longworth and Hardwick are in the 150yds first-class handicap.

SOUTH SYDNEY LEAGUE CLUB.

The following entries have been received for the Eastern Suburbs 50yds interclub race at Rushcutter Bay Baths on Monday evening:—J. Byrne, L. Byrne, Rice, J. J. Cusack, Freeburn, J. Murphy, A. Murphy, Ward, F. Darmody, Sweeney, Cann, Roberts, Chuck, Twiss, A. J. Cusack.

The usual weekly club race will be postponed.

NEW SOUTH WALES LEAGUE OF SWIMMERS.

A 50yds ladies' test race was decided at the Lavender Bay Baths on Wednesday evening. The race was held to select two lady representatives to visit Adelaide, and compete at the carnival to be held there on February 20, 23, and 27.

The result was:—Miss A. Pearce, 35s, 1; Miss G. Tate, 35 4-5s, 2; Miss H. Gwyder, 38 3-5s, 3; Miss R. Parry, 4.

HOBART REGATTA.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The seventy-third Anniversary Regatta, which is the largest aquatic carnival in the Commonwealth, with prize-money amounting to £442, was held off the Domain on Monday in glorious weather, but it was a little too rough for the rowing races. About 14,000 people were present, including many mainland visitors and residents of all parts of Tasmania. The day's proceedings passed off without any serious mishap.

THE GUN.

MOSS VALE, Monday.

The £25 handicap shoot held by the Berrima District Gun Club took place on Saturday. 19 shooters competing. The following four divided with 17 kills each:—E. M'Intosh, 32yds (second nomination); R. Arnot, 25yds; "G. Hambridge," 25yds (second nomination); H. Yarnall, 21yds (second nomination).

No. 1 sweep: M'Intosh, "Lue," and H. O. Carter divided, five kills each.

No. 2 sweep: M'Intosh, R. Arnot, and T. Maher, 14 kills each.

Two double rise sweeps were divided by M'Intosh and "Lue" with three pairs each.

Owing to heavy rain which fell for two hours during the shooting the birds did not fly well.

BAND CONTEST.

The Band Association of New South Wales, which is holding a band contest on the nights of the 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th, began the contest last evening at the Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park. Eight bands, "B" grade, were to have entered, but the Scone Town and Balgownie Brass bands were withdrawn, leaving the Marrickville Band, the Corrimal Town Band, the Peak Hill Myall Band, the St. George's Band, the Redfern Borough Band, and the Broken Hill Amalgamated Miners' Association Band. The Marrickville Band played "Un Ballo in Maschera," the Corrimal Band "Rossini's Works," and the Peak Hill Myall Band performed "Faust," while "Rossini's Works" was again rendered by the Redfern Borough Band, and "Weber's Works" by the Broken Hill A.M.A. Band. The adjudicator's decision on points at the conclusion of the evening was as follows:—Broken Hill Band, 97 points out of a possible maximum of 120; St. George's Band, 90; Corrimal Band, 88; Marrickville, 86; Peak Hill, 85; and Redfern Borough Band, 81.

THE GOVERNMENT AND CITY SIGNS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The action taken by our City Council a few years ago in the matter of city signs has been a great factor in improving the appearance of our city. Towards this end one would naturally think that the State Government, as a landlord of a very considerable amount of property in the city, would set a good example to private landlords, in restricting, if not altogether refraining from, leasing all available wall and roof spaces for painting huge advertisements. A walk round Dawes and Miller's Points will prove the opposite. Every tenant, before taking possession, must sign an agreement which includes a clause stating that the Government reserves to itself the right to use any available spaces for advertising purposes. That right is used in a most arbitrary manner; for without "By your leave," or notification of any kind your premises are invested with a sign. Yet another proof why I use the word "arbitrary" is afforded by my own experience. Last week I heard men clamping on the roof of my workshop, they told me they were going to repaint the sign of wall on adjoining building. I ordered them off. Later in the day they brought me a letter from the manager of the Resumed Properties Branch requesting me to allow the men to go on my roof. The annoyance of continual sudden noises over the heads of those working, to say nothing of dust and particles dropping from roof, is not conducive to good work in my shop. If it were for necessary work I would not object; but for a purpose in direct contravention to the efforts of the council gives one cause for protest, and I hope it will not be ineffective.

I am, etc.,

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COUNTRY NEWS.

THE CHURCHES.

DENMAN, Wednesday.

The Rev. G. M. H. Garbett, of St. Matthias' Church of England, Denman, has accepted the position as rector of Raymond Terrace parish.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

The National Bazaar, held two months ago in aid of Saint Carthage's Cathedral, netted £1448.

SCHOOLS OF ARTS.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

At the annual meeting of the School of Arts the balance-sheet disclosed the receipts to be £636 2s 6d, and the expenditure £531 2s 2d, leaving a credit balance of £105 0s 4d. The billiard-room proceeds totalled £352 0s 3d, and members' subscriptions £187 6s 6d. During the year 11,290 books were issued from the library. Mr. H. R. Crossman was elected president, Messrs. G. L. Scott and A. J. Nunn vice-presidents, and Mr. C. W. Brown secretary.

CORAKI, Wednesday.

Mr. John K. Larner, of Riley's Hill Public school, who has been in charge of various district schools for a period of 16 years, left yesterday for Sydney, en route for Burragorang, to which school he has been promoted. Mr. Larner was secretary, and one of the principal promoters, of the Coraki and Woodburn choral societies.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The half-yearly meeting of the West Maitland Co-operative Baking Society, Limited, was held in the School of Arts this evening. The report of the directors showed a net profit for the half-year of £856. The balance from the previous half-year was £340, making a total of £1196, out of which a dividend of 5 per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital, and 22½ per cent. on the half-year's consumption of bread by shareholders, was declared, absorbing £779, and leaving a balance to be carried forward of £417. Messrs. John Gash, Geo. Pullen, Chas. Taylor, and Fredk. Smith were re-elected directors, Mr. F. W. Drew treasurer, and Mr. F. G. Compton secretary.

A meeting of the West Maitland Municipal Council recommended that the general rate be 1½d in the £ on the unimproved value, and an additional general rate of ½d in the £ on the improved value, a farthing lighting rate, and five-sixteenths of a penny in the £ on improved value of the land within the lighting area. The total unimproved value of the land within the municipality is £423,662, and the improved value £914,604, and the improved value in the lighting area £792,652.

It has been decided to hold Quarter Sessions at Gunnedah on February 16.

LISMORE RACES POSTPONED.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

Heavy rain fell this morning, necessitating the postponement till to-morrow of the Lismore Jockey Club's first day's racing.

SWEATING IN WAREHOUSES.

EARLY CLOSING ACT AMENDMENT.

A correspondent writes:—"I would like to draw the Government's attention to the conditions of employment in some of the York-street warehouses. I pass through this street of a night, and every night for some time past the hands, mostly young people, are at work till 10 o'clock. Is there not an early closing law? I am told there is, but it is evaded openly there, and the keeping of a book is a farce as regards the number of nights the hands work back. I believe they get the princely sum of 1s 6d per night, and seeing that they have to provide their tea out of it, it leaves them about sixpence for three hours' work. Indeed, these York-street men are generous."

This complaint was brought under the notice of Mr. Beeby, the Minister responsible for the administration of the Early Closing Act. The Minister said that warehouses came within the provisions of the Act and, like shopkeepers, were allowed to work their employees on Friday nights without having to pay overtime. They were also allowed to work their employees on 12 nights, other than Friday, each half-year. A special inspector had for some time past been engaged in the work of seeing that the law was strictly complied with. It appeared that many of the larger warehouses worked a good deal of overtime in sections, men in different departments being worked on different nights. This probably was the reason why some warehouses were lit up so frequently. Every complaint brought under the notice to the department was promptly investigated, and every effort was made to have the law enforced. Mr. Beeby added that in the new Early Closing Act it was proposed to further restrict the right to work employees overtime, and to provide reasonable rates of payment for overtime.

LIBERTY LEAGUE.

A "Liberty League," designed to help in safeguarding the freedom of action of the community, was formed at a meeting held at the I.O.O.F. Hall last night. The new league is on similar lines to others formed in various suburbs, and in the country, and delegates from these were present at the meeting. Mr. F. W. J. Donovan was elected president. Among the objects of the league, as set out in the constitution, are the following:—"To safeguard the reasonable and necessary freedom of action of the individual and the community; to oppose intemperate, oppressive, and extreme legislation inimical to the legitimate rights and privileges of the people, and to secure the repeal of such legislation already enacted; to resist the persistent attempts of a certain section of the community to impose unreasonable and extreme restrictions on the rational freedom of action and conduct of the people with regard to sports, entertainments, the use of alcoholic beverages, and other matters affecting the personal liberty of the subject; and to obtain the co-operation and support of all those interested in the promotion of manly sports and healthy recreations of the people." The league is claimed to be non-political.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

MANLY.

James Bonner, ironfounder; William Hoyte, commission accountant; John Joseph Dargan, wood and coal merchant; Abednego Davies, refreshment room keeper; Francis William Joseph Donovan, solicitor; Charles John Edward Forsberg, warehouseman; Francis William Heaton, builder; George Uther Hosking; Arthur Thomas Keirle, John Joseph Mulligan, Alfred James Neull, physician; Adam Ogilvy, clerk; Charles Davidson Paterson, Government tourist officer; John Dunmore Lang Patison; builder; Alfred John Phillips, estate agent; Ellison Wentworth Quick, land agent; Frederick Trenchard Smith, architect; James Ferguson Walker, independent means; George Washington Walker, grain merchant.

COUNTRY NOMINATIONS.

BOURKE.—G. W. Sull, W. C. Gale, E. B. Mugg, J. Rice, H. E. Bloxham, P. L. Nash, and S. Carmichael.

CORAKI.—Ex-aldermen Donald McKinnon, W. Nolan, R. G. Benaud, W. McLean, and Messrs. John McKinnon, Mark C. Yabsley, being just the required number, no election will be necessary.

CUDAL.—C. E. Gavin, J. Landaner, Thomas Seale, W. H. Ford, R. A. Young, George Hartas (retiring aldermen), and K. A. Gavin.

DUNGOG.—C. S. Bouker, F. Burton, J. R. Wallis, W. L. Wilkerson, R. L. Fitzgerald, F. Pile, G. Searl, S. W. Eggins, S. W. Harman, and H. E. Donnelly.

MOREE.—H. Cameron, J. T. Crane, R. Delander, F. Ferguson, D. Hickey, J. L. Lillyman, H. M. Pike, D. B. Suttie, A. Thomson, J. H. Watson, A. C. Weston.

MURWILLUMBAH.—George Mann and Frank P. Smith have withdrawn from the contest.

PEAK HILL.—E. H. Allan, J. Baker, T. F. Fraser, W. P. Foulkes, A. C. O'Brien, W. M. Reeve, W. D. Cagney, R. R. M'Lean, A. B. Pettigrew, H. Stain, and W. B. Wynne.

QUEANBEYAN.—C. T. Campbell, chemist, A. H. Collett, butcher, N. H. Gibbs, grazier, J. Knox, miller, H. T. Laud, hotel manager, R. Moore, grazier, T. E. Woodfer, storekeeper, F. P. Woodward, solicitor; retiring alderman; also J. J. Breen, store hand; W. A. Deans, caretaker; M. Hannan, school teacher; C. A. Leslie, auctioneer; J. McInnes, tobacconist.

RAYMOND TERRACE.—Seven to be elected: J. Feeney, T. Feeney, J. Hanlon, J. A. Dennett, J. S. Jenkins, E. Markey, A. Maher, C. H. Boats, J. J. Krohn, J. Findlay.

A correspondent complains that "a little curiosity which the Sydney Ferries Company calls a steamer" plying between Gladesville on the Parramatta River and Sydney is not protected on the upper deck from the rain, with the consequence that in weather such as has been experienced for the past week passengers are unable to find dry seats. He states that the company should be compelled to make better provision for the comfort of those who are compelled to use this particular boat.

BABY WASTED TO SKELETON.

"My little son, when about a year and a half old, began to have sores come out on his face. I had a physician to treat him, but the sores grew worse. Then they began to come out on his arms, then on other parts of his body, and then one came on his chest, worse than the others. Then I called another physician. Still he grew worse. At the end of about a year and a half of suffering he grew so bad that I had to tie his hands in cloths at night to keep him from scratching the sores and tearing the flesh. He got to be a mere skeleton, and was hardly able to walk.

"My aunt advised me to try Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. I sent to a drug store and got a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Ointment, and followed directions. At the end of two months the sores were all well. He has never had any sores of any kind since. I can sincerely say that only for Cuticura my child would have died. I used only one cake of Cuticura Soap and about three boxes of Ointment.

"I am a nurse, and my profession brings me into many different families, and it is always a pleasure for me to tell my story and recommend Cuticura Remedies. Mrs. Egbert Sheldon, Litchfield, Conn, U.S.A., Oct. 23, 1909."

Reference: R. Towns and Co., Sydney.—Advt.

LAW REPORT.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

Henry Davis, of Bowning, storekeeper. Mr. C. F. W. Lloyd, official assignee.

William John Fitzsimons, farm labourer, Railway-street, Petersham, late of Pennant Hills. Mr. C. F. W. Lloyd, official assignee.

Walter Albert Finn, miner, Brickwood, Tingha. Mr. C. F. W. Lloyd, official assignee.

LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court.—At 10.30 a.m.: Ryan ats. Bibb.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

At the Industrial Court-house, Queen's-square.—Before his Honor Judge Scholes.—At 10 a.m.—For hearing: Re Shipping (Steam Colliers') Board, for nomination of employees' representative.

CUSTOMS INQUIRIES.

Before the Acting Collector of Customs (Mr. W. Lawson).—At 10 a.m.: D. Goddard, contravention, section 234 (e); David Jones, Ltd., contravention section 234; S. Weingott and Sons, Ltd., ditto, ditto; Australian Commercial Company, Ltd., ditto, ditto; Bowden Bros. and Co., Ltd., contravention, section 144 (a); Geo. Shirley, Ltd., ditto, ditto; Staerker and Fischer, ditto, ditto; Wing Sang and Co., ditto, ditto.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31.

SUPREME COURT.

In Equity.—Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11: Goldschmidt v Chinn, to tax costs.

MACE AND DENMEAD.

CHARGES OF BURGLARY.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

James Mace, 18, and Joseph Henry Denmead, 20, were again before Mr. Smithers, S.M., at the Water Police Court, yesterday, to answer a charge of having burglariously broken and entered the dwelling house of Ellen Myers, Ocean-street, Woollahra, and with having stolen therein a clock, the property of Isabella Rich, and a macintosh coat, the property of Eric Goldring, on or about January 12.

Detective Fullerton said that on the morning of the 16th inst., while he was in a cab with Detective Surridge and accused Denmead, accused took the travelling clock, produced, out of his pocket and tried to pass it underneath him, when Surridge caught his hand. Asked where he got the clock he said it was his, and that he had had it for years. Later witness showed Denmead a razor, produced, which had been found upon him when searched at the police station, and asked him where he got it, to which Denmead replied that he got it and the clock from a man in Balmain.

Detective Leary said that on the morning of the 20th inst. he asked Mace if he was aware that Denmead had a travelling clock in his possession when arrested, and received an affirmative reply. Witness told Mace that the clock had been stolen from a house in Ocean-street, when Mace said, "Surely you are not going to charge us with that? You have enough against us already." Asked as to the coat stolen at the same time Mace said that the police would not recover it, "because we got rid of it on the way to Denmead's the morning you arrested us."

Emily Rich, residing at Havilah, Ocean-street, Woollahra, said that the travelling clock belonged to her mother, Isabella Rich, and was valued at 30s. Prior to being missed it was in the bedroom of the dwelling-house of Ellen Myers.

Adolphus Leslie Goldring, who also resided at Havilah, deposed to having safely locked up the premises on the night of the 12th inst. He subsequently missed a coat, which was the property of Eric Golding, and was valued at £2 10s.

Accused, who had nothing to say, were both committed for trial.

The same accused were also charged with having on or about January 14 burglariously broken and entered the dwelling house of Frederick Wilson, Doncaster Avenue, Kensington, and with stealing a watch, a watch guard, two razors and case, and the sum of 22s in money, the property of Frederick Wilson.

Detective Fullerton stated that while in a cab under arrest Denmead took the leather watch guard from his pocket and dropped it on the floor of the cab, and when questioned about it claimed it as his own property.

Detective Leary said that while in custody Mace made two or three attempts to put his hands into his pocket, and when he was searched at the police station the razor was found. Mace stated that it belonged to him, but he could not say where he got it.

Minerva Wilson, living at Bunnerong, Doncaster Avenue, Kensington, said that she secured the premises on the night of the 14th instant, and next morning found the back door open, and that a box had been removed from the verandah and placed against the dividing fence at the back. She found her husband's gold watch and leather bag had gone, which previously were in an ornament in the dining-room. She also missed a set of razors, and 22s out of her purse.

Accused, who had nothing to say, were both committed for trial.

BREACH OF NAVIGATION ACT.

THE LORD MAYOR FINED.

Alderman Allen Taylor, Lord Mayor of Sydney, was the defendant in a case heard at the Water Summons Court on Tuesday, before Mr. Maitland, D.S.M., in which John Hardie Veitch, an inspector of the Department of Navigation, proceeded against him upon an information alleging that, on October 10 last, he, being the owner of the coastal ship Ladysmith, of 90 tons, did unlawfully contravene section 81 of the Navigation Act in that he employed one Harry Merritt to go to sea, the vessel running beyond 50 miles from the port of Sydney—to Camden Haven—without ascertaining that Merritt was duly certificated under the said Act.

Mr. Robison, of the Crown Law Office, appeared for the complainant; and defendant, who appeared in person, pleaded guilty.

It was stated that the vessel proceeded to sea with only a certificated master on board. The Crown did not press for a heavy penalty.

Alderman Taylor, the defendant, stated that he was not conversant with the facts. The captain was taken ill, and had then his crew complete. Another captain was then appointed, and the first appointed mate declined to go to sea, and another was secured. This man got injured, and could not go to sea, and Merritt was then taken. The first intimation he got of the affair was three weeks afterwards.

A fine of £15 was imposed, with costs, or in default two months' imprisonment.

A PICTURE FRAMER.

At the Balmain Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr. W. Clarke, S.M., James Francis Mitchell, alias George Collins, alias George Wright, 41, who said he was a canvasser, was charged with obtaining money by means of false pretences. The evidence showed that accused, on May 24, 1909, went to 18 Abattoir-road, Balmain, and falsely pretended to Nellie Toser that he would frame a certificate in an oak frame for the sum of 3s, by means of which he obtained a certificate of the value of 10s and 1s in money, with intent to defraud. Accused said he was canvassing for pictures to frame, that his business was in George-street West, and that the business was framing pictures and taking them. On this prosecutrix gave him the certificate and the picture of a horse, and paid 1s deposit. He was to bring them back on the Saturday, but she had never seen him since. Accused, who had a list of convictions against him, denied the charge, but was convicted, and sentenced to six months in gaol, with hard labour.

The same accused was further charged with obtaining, by means of a false pretence and a wilfully false promise, money and property of the total value of £3, the property of Selina Parkes. Accused, according to the evidence, went to Mrs. Parkes's residence, 231 Evans-street, Balmain, on May 25, 1909, and making representations similar to those stated in the previous charge, obtained a certificate and a photograph to frame. He did not bring the articles back, and though witness went to the address in George-street which he gave her, she was unable to find him.

Accused was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour, cumulative on the previous charge.

A FEROCIOUS DOG.

Before Mr. Maitland, D.S.M., on Tuesday, at the Water Summons Court, Sub-inspector Spence proceeded against Samuel Jones for being, on January 9, the owner of a dog which, in Burnell-lane, attacked Oswald Ebert, whereby his limbs were endangered. Defendant pleaded guilty. It was stated that at 11.25 p.m., there was a disturbance in the lane in front of defendant's house, and Constable Ebert went there in the course of his duty. Defendant's dog then rushed out, and bit the officer and tore his clothes, doing damage to the extent of 11/3. A fine of 20/ was imposed, and defendant was ordered to pay 11/3 for the damage done, and costs amounting to 6/, or in default, 14 days' imprisonment.

RUN OVER BY A TRAIN.

An inquest was held yesterday at the City Coroner's Court on James Mack, shearer, of Margate-street, Sandringham, who died on January 14 from injuries received through being run over by a railway train near Cleveland-street Tunnel. The deceased was of temperate habits, and was 41 years old. He had no personal troubles, so far as known, and had never said anything about taking his own life, or of being tired of life. The verdict found was that the deceased died from injuries received through being run over by a railway train, but how or by what means he came to be run over, the evidence was insufficient to show.

SHIRE COUNCIL NOMINATIONS.

BOOLOOROO.—Riding A: B. A. Mawhiney and J. R. Moore. Riding B: J. P. Burgess, W. R. Jardine, and Alex. Rae. Riding C: J. E. Cory and P. T. Whalley.

BOOMI.—Riding A: D. M. Allen, A. W. Bucknell, P. B. Fenwick, and B. Proctor. Riding B: C. B. Crowley, H. Jurd, and T. Scott. Riding C: R. A. Read, P. C. Watts, and W. Woods.

COLO (Richmond).—A Riding: Arthur Charles Anderson, George William Case, Guy Hungerford, George Allan Pitt, Lewis Stuart. B Riding: E. T. Bowd, H. A. Wilson. C Riding: J. Lamrock, J. E. M'Mahon.

PORT STEPHENS.—A Riding: George H. Pepper, George Moxey, John B. Meredith, Niel Cromarty. The two former were declared elected through informalities in nomination papers of the latter. B Riding: J. J. May, H. G. Ralston, J. Boag, R. M'Kenzie, S. Foot, and P. Blum. C Riding: R. Swan, W. Read, J. Graham, J. Lavis, and Isaiah W. Mills.

THE "THREE CASTLES" CIGARETTES.
(Heavy Weights.)
The famous brand of W. D. and H. O. Wills.
In packets and flat tins of 10, also in round tins of 50.—Advt.

POLICE COURTS.

CHARGES OF FORGERY.

At the Redfern Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. Love, S.M., Alexander M'Lellan, aged 20, was charged with having forged the signature of Samuel Healey to two cheques, one for £23, and the other for £9 10s, with intent to defraud, at Redfern, on Friday last. Mr. J. J. Kiely appeared for the defence.

The evidence for the prosecution showed that on Friday last the accused met a little girl named Florence M'Donald, 8 years of age, in front of the Redfern branch of the Commercial Bank. He wrote on a piece of paper, "Please give bearer two cheques," and sent the little girl into the bank with the message. She returned and handed the blank cheques over to accused, and the latter said, "Wait there until I return." He went away somewhere. She did not know where, but he returned with the cheques filled in, and he asked her to go again to the bank, and handed the cheques to the teller for payment. She did so. The bank officials, however, detained the child, and as she did not return, the accused went after her, and took her away. The bank teller stated that Mr. Healey had an account at the bank, but the signature on the cheques was nothing like his. Samuel Healey, a railway employee, stated that he lodged with the grandmother of the accused, and had done so for a number of years. He gave the accused no authority to draw upon his account.

The accused reserved his defence, and was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions, and was allowed bail.

DEFENDED HIMSELF WITH A REVOLVER.

AND WAS FINED.

At the Redfern Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. Love, S.M., the police charged Sydney Carr, aged 23, with having discharged a revolver in Cleveland-street on the 20th inst., without lawful excuse. The defendant pleaded not guilty.

Constable Collins stated that last Friday night, between 10 and 11 o'clock, he was in Cleveland-street on duty. He heard the sound of revolver shots, and ran to the spot. The defendant was lying in the gutter. Someone picked up a revolver and handed it to witness. It contained three cartridges, and three empty cases. He said to defendant, "Why did you let off that revolver?" and he replied, "This mob threatened to deal it out to me. They have done so to-night. I bought the revolver to protect myself with. They threatened to rob me." Witness found £21 on the defendant. In answer to the defendant, the constable said the man was in an excited state, and was bleeding from the mouth. When witness got there a man was kicking the defendant in the gutter, but the defendant would not give the man in charge. Witness then arrested the defendant.

Sydney Carr, the defendant, stated that he was a hairdresser, residing in Chippen-street, Chippendale. A little over a week ago some people whom he did not know, came up to him and one of them said, "This is the man." Another one struck him. They were strangers to him, and he ran away. Last Friday night he had occasion to go into Cleveland-street to buy some cigarettes, and in the street he was hit by a man on the nose. It was one of the push. There were seven or eight men there. He got another hit behind the ear. He then pulled out the revolver, and said, "Stand back, I am armed," and to let them see that he was armed he fired one shot in the air. He again sang out, "Stand back," but as they kept coming at him, he fired another shot, and then he ran, and the men chased him, and knocked him into the gutter, where they kicked him, and was doing so when the constable came up. He simply fired the revolver to frighten them. He never meant to shoot them.

Defendant was convicted, and was fined the small amount of 5s, in default imprisonment for 24 hours. The magistrate refused to make an order for the police to hand over the revolver to defendant.

STOLEN BLOUSES.

Louisa Jackson, a young woman, pleaded guilty on Tuesday at the Central Police Court to stealing two blouses, valued at 13s 11d, the property of Mark Foy's, Limited. The theft was detected by a shopwalker. A fine of £5, or one month, was imposed.

DIRTY PREMISES.

At the Balmain Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr. W. Clarke, S.M., James Neal and Arthur Lorkin, occupiers of butcher's shop premises at 3 Elliott-street, Balmain, were charged on summons with having stinking matter thereupon. Mr. J. J. Reeder appeared for the municipal council. Defendants pleaded guilty. Mr. F. J. Paris, sanitary inspector, said, owing to a complaint, he visited defendants' premises, and found a tin full of decomposing meat, fat, and bread, which was in a very offensive condition. Defendants were fined 20s each, with costs 11s 6d; in default seven days' imprisonment.

At the same court, Havelock Cormack, cooper, carrying on business in Mullens-street, Balmain, was charged on summons by Mr. F. J. Paris, sanitary inspector, with not keeping his premises in a cleanly condition, and suffering filth to be scattered about and remain on the premises. Mr. J. J. Reeder appeared for the prosecution. The inspector stated that there were five or six loads of manure lying near stables, and in another place there were filthy stuff and manure. Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was fined £5, with costs £1 2s, in default a month's hard labour.

At the same court, William B. Caldicott, of 55 Weston-road, Balmain, was charged on summons with not keeping his premises clean. He was convicted and fined 40s, with costs £1 2s, in default 21 days' hard labour.

DEFICIENT IN FAT.

Peter Eckersley pleaded guilty to having sold milk not up to the required standard. The information was laid at the instance of Inspector Lloyd, of the City Council. It was stated that the milk was taken from a cart driven by defendant, and on analysis was found to be 17.1 per cent. deficient in butter-fat. Mr. Waldron said, in reply to the magistrate (Mr. Barnett, S.M.), who referred to the percentage of deficiency, that an explanation was tendered to the effect that the agitation of the milk in the cart may have caused the fat to rise to the top, so that the milk at the bottom of the can may have suffered in consequence. It was an explanation which, however, Mr. Waldron said, was not accepted by him. A fine of 40s, or 14 days, was imposed.

CHINESE SABBATH BREAKERS.

On War, of Elizabeth-street, city, and W. Warley, of Albion-street, Surry Hills, furniture manufacturers, were on Wednesday, at the Central Summons Court, charged with permitting persons to work in a factory where Chinese work, on Sunday, January 8. Both pleaded guilty. On War was fined 10s or seven days. A fine of 20s or 14 days was imposed on the other defendant, it being his second offence. Several Chinese were also fined small amounts for working on Sunday "where Chinese work."

POLICE TRANSFERS.

As a result of the promotion of Inspector M'Vane to the rank of superintendent of police, to take charge of the Deniliquin district, from February 1, the following transfers (without promotion) have been made by the Inspector-General (Mr. Day):—

Sub-inspector Spence, of Darlinghurst, to take charge of the Water Police, the position vacated by Superintendent M'Vane.

Sub-inspector Branston, of No. 2 (Regent-street), to Darlinghurst.

Sub-inspector Goulder, of Newcastle, to No. 2.

Inspector Banks, of Orange, to Newcastle.

Sub-inspector Atkinson, of Mudgee, to Orange.

Senior-sergeant Rank, of Armidale, with the rank of Acting Sub-inspector, to Mudgee.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

WESTERN SUBURBS CLUB.

The following are the musketry returns of the Western Suburbs Rifle Club up to January, 1911:—

A Grade.—J. M. Donlan, 185; J. Wright, 180; J. Rawkins, 173; W. A. Hobbs, 173; A. H. Wiltshire, 172; G. H. Barnett, 165; J. K. Dixon, 164; C. L. Cotterill, 157; S. Shaw, 135; J. C. Hingston, 129.

B Grade.—C. Muir, 172; G. Griffiths, 170; J. Gollan, 168; C. Holt, sen., 168; R. Acland, 167; A. W. Henningham, 167; F. Bolton, 165; G. Daniel, 165; J. W. Adams, 165; W. Griffith, 162; H. Benttel, 162; H. Waters, 161; R. W. Holt, 161; A. V. Brown, 161; A. Hardie, 161; T. Hitchell, 160; C. Roper, 159; H. McCredie, 158; V. Hall, 157; D. Nathan, 155; G. Keevers, 155; T. Manley, 155; P. Harris, 153; W. J. E. Lewis, 151; L. H. Coates, 150; H. J. Allars, 150; A. E. Youdale, 150; J. H. Cattlin, 149; H. Scott, 149; W. Roper, 149; W. Heyden, 149; S. Templeton, 149; A. J. Zeihlke, 147; C. Holt, jun., 146; G. Grassell, 145; E. Hillman, 144; E. A. Henningham, 141; T. Clarke, 144; W. Hillman, 141; F. G. Holley, 139; A. Poppe, 134; J. A. McCredie, 128; W. Blaydon, 124; A. Laverack, 114; W. Hillman, jun., 108.

MUDGEE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

MUDGEE, Wednesday.

The prize meeting of the Mudgee District Rifle Association was commenced yesterday. The weather was favourable. Over 200 riflemen took part, with the following results:—

School Cadet, eight shots at 200yds.—G. M'Donald (26), £1 10s; J. Walsh (25), 12s 6d; P. Carmichael (25), 12s 6d; D. Bensley (21), R. Tomkins (21), F. Hayes (21), H. Evans (18), 5s each.

Senior Cadets, eight shots at 200yds.—A. Pettitt (40), £1; L. S. Gentle (40), 12s 6d; C. Walsh (38), 7s 6d; C. Knight (36), J. Penny (36), C. Gilham (32), P. Carmichael (28), 5s each.

C Series—The Grattai, eight shots at 300yds.—S. Buckman, 40 (Wilbetree), £2; S. Bisley, 40 (Rylstone), £1 10s; C. A. Gentle, 39 (Mudgee R.C.), £1. The following won 10s each:—J. Sharrock, 39 (Wilbetree); A. Rayner, 38 (Grattai); H. Chun, 38 (Grattai); W. L. Atkinson, 38 (Grattai); J. Penny, 38 (Senior Cadets); W. Leighton, 38 (Running Stream); Sergt. W. Talbot, 37 (F Company); F. A. Lawson, 37 (Rylstone); W. Caddis, 37 (Running Stream); C. Warry, 37 (Hargraves); C. Welsh, 37 (senior cadets).

The Cobbora, eight shots at 500yds.—E. Neil, 38 (Hargraves), £2; S. Buckman, 38 (Wilbetree), £1/10/; W. R. Boyd, 38 (Grattai), £1. The following won 10s each:—C. Warry, 37 (Hargraves); W. L. Atkinson, 37 (Grattai); S. L. Imber, 37 (A.L.H.); Jas. Penny, 36 (senior cadets); J. Patterson, 37 (Grattai); I. Sharrock, 37 (Wilbetree); S. Bisley, 37 (Rylstone); C. Hickey, 36 (Rylstone); N. W. Talbot, 36 (F. Company); H. Chun, 36 (Grattai); A. Rayner, 36 (Grattai).

The Suttor Aggregate.—S. Buckman, 78 (Wilbetree), £3 and gold medal; S. Bisley, 77 (Rylstone), £2 10s; J. Sharrock, 76 (Wilbetree), £2 10s; W. L. Atkinson, 75 (Grattai), £1; Jas. Penny, 75 (senior cadets), £1; C. Warry, 74 (Hargraves), £1. The following won 10s each:—H. Chun, 74 (Grattai); A. Rayner, 74 (Grattai); E. Neil, 73 (Hargraves); W. R. Boyd, 73 (Grattai); S. L. Imber, 73 (A.L.H.); J. Paterson, 73 (Grattai); W. Talbot, 73 (F Company).

WANTED A TIP.

Alderman Lawrence drew the attention of the health and bylaws committee of the City Council yesterday to the fact that for some time past persons, who had previously dumped the rubbish from their warehouses and factories at Moore Park tip, had been prevented from doing so owing to the tip being filled up. He contended that it was absolutely necessary some place should be provided by the council for the deposit of this material, which was not garbage, not offensive, and not likely to become so. He thought it might be utilised in some portions of Moore Park, where holes could be filled up and levelling done, to the advantage of the area. It was pointed out by the town clerk that the council already removed rubbish from factories, etc., and charged for the work so much per week; but, in deference to Alderman Lawrence's representations, it was resolved that the deputy town clerk and the chief inspector of cleansing furnish reports as to likely spots in Camperdown area and Moore Park which could be utilised for the deposit of such stuff as excavating material, earth, and the like, but not of garbage.

H. J. Solloway complains of the wanton destruction of small fish by net fishermen at Balmoral Beach, who, he says, throw the undersized portion of their haul on to the sand, instead of returning them to the water.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

ROPEMAKERS' CONDITIONS.

At the last meeting of the Ropemakers' Board the otherwise dreary proceedings were somewhat enlivened by the evidence given by Edmund Gallagher, a hand spinner. In reply to Captain Dakin, who appeared for the union, witness said that the cost of living had gone up lately.

Captain Dakin: Well, let us take the pants you wear, for instance.

Witness: If you do you will have to give them back again. (Laughter.)

Captain Dakin: What I mean is, are they dearer now than in former years?

Witness: Well, that sort of purchase has always been made by my wife.

The remainder of the evidence was to the effect that night labour was more onerous than day labour, and should be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

SHIP PAINTING.

Working in water was one of the chief grounds of complaint urged by witnesses for the union at the last meeting of the Port Jackson Dockers and Painters' Wages Board. In winter, it was pointed out, this work resulted in severe colds, and the slush and mud in the docks in which the men had to work was generally full of shells, broken glass, and other rubbish, which resulted in cut feet and legs. "At times," said one witness, "the stench in the dock was also highly objectionable."

SEAMEN'S UNION.

The Seamen's Union intends to submit a set of claims to the Federal Arbitration Court as the preliminary step towards effecting a settlement of certain matters in dispute. Chief of these is in respect of the manning of stokeholes, the union holding that a greater number of hands should be put in most of the steamers.

ELECTRICAL UNION.

Several concessions in respect of hours of labour, etc., are to be asked for by the Electrical Mechanics' Union. It is pointed out by the secretary that very long hours and much broken time is worked by the men in charge of sections of railway in the country, for whom there is no provision in the present award. A similar complaint was raised by electrical employees in the Postal Department, and was promised consideration by the Postmaster-General. So far, however, no reply has been received from the Minister.

BUTCHERS' WAGES.

The award governing the conditions of labour and rates of wages for journeymen butchers in retail establishments is about to expire, and with a view to coming to an agreement for a further term a wages board, with Mr. Walker as chairman, held its first meeting at the Water Police Court yesterday. The employers, amongst other things, ask that the hours of labour shall not exceed 54 weekly, and that the minimum wages payable shall be as follows:—First shopman, £3 10s; other shopmen, £3; smallgoodsman, £3 10s; assistant smallgoodsman, £3; filler man, £3 5s; cooker, £3 10s; carter and [illegible] (shop or factory), £2 15s; carter only (shop or factory), £2 10s; salter, £3 10s. Other paragraphs in the claim set out the work each grade shall be expected to perform, the holidays to be observed during the year, the wages of apprentices (ranging from 15s in the first year to 37s 6d in the fifth year), the wages of improvers, and provisions for preference to unionists and slow workers.

EVILS OF PIECEWORK.

David Morton giving evidence before the Iron Trades (Stove Makers and Fitters) Wages Board, stated some reasons why piecework should be done away with. "My experience in the old country," he said, "is that it is a degrading system of labour. It makes men steal from their employers and from one another. In fact, it makes them dishonest in every way. It encourages sweating, and it makes men work beyond their strength for a few shillings extra. In most cases under piecework a man cannot do justice to himself, because at the price he has to do his job he cannot afford to spend much time on his work."

MILITARY.

OFFICERS' HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATIONS.

The third half-yearly examination of officers of the citizen forces for confirmation of appointment and promotion under the revised syllabus, will be held at the end of next month. Officers from each of the States will meet in Melbourne shortly for the purpose of arranging the examination papers. The revised syllabus was initiated by the chief of the staff with a view of systematising all examinations for military commissions, and so far it seems that the innovation has been received with satisfaction in all the States.

SENIOR CADET PARADES.

The following intercompany parades of the [illegible] Battalion Senior Cadets have been approved:—Albury, Wagga, and Corowa, at Wagga, on February 15; Cootamundra and Junee, at Cootamundra, on February 22; Temora and Wyalong, at Temora, on February [illegible]; Yass, Goulburn, Queanbeyan, and the regimental band, at Goulburn, on March 15; Young and Murrumburrah, at Murrumburrah, on March 8; Narrandera and Coolamon, at Coolamon, on March 15; Tumut and Gundagai, at Gundagai, on March 8.

Some senior cadets are under the impression that as they are now serving they have not to be registered under the new Defence Act. It must be made quite clear that every boy, whether serving or otherwise, whose 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th birthdays fall during 1911, must be registered, and must fill in the prescribed form before the end of the present month.

THE CATHOLIC CLAIMS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I don't know whether I am unfortunate or only obtuse. In yet another leader you set that I "incidentally raise the issue of the beginnings of the present system of State education," whereas I have directly, and by no means "incidentally," answered your own question. I had to go to the beginnings to explain how we were "thrown out" of the State system. More than that, I have given facts which show that no self-respecting Catholics could have remained within. These you take no pains to disprove. Once again, then, I ask, "Could the Catholics be expected to accept a system which was intended to bring 'death to the calling of the priesthood of the Church of Rome'?" And, if not, is it fair to keep repeating that we went out of it?

And is it fair to ask concerning the Catholic Church, "Are we to assume that it claims to be above the majority, above the Government, above the State? Is it to say what shall or shall not, be law as well as gospel?" This, I submit, raises an issue that is wholly irrelevant. We don't need to be reminded that we are a minority; we have even to recognise the practical truth of the statement made to our co-religionists in England with such brutal cynicism by Augustine Birrell: "Minorities must suffer; it is the badge of their tribe."

But we do not admit that any human legislation is above eternal law. "Before man made us citizens," says Lowell, "great Nature made us men." We have rights as men that are above the caprice or tyranny of majorities. This you evidently admit, for you act on it yourself. I have not to go back many weeks to find in your own columns the epithet "legalised plunder," as applied to proposed Labour legislation, which of course means that, however sanctioned by majority rule, such enactment may be plunder for all that. England's interference in "Bulgarian atrocities" or America's intervention in Cuba, were, ostensibly at least, in the interests of the higher law. And surely the "Herald" knows something about, and might even attempt to defend, the "passive resistance" of oppressed Nonconformists.

But it ill behoves a great daily paper to quote against us as definitive, any mere majority legislation. If the majority should be on the side of injustice—and the whole history of the past testifies that it often is—the high office of a leading journal should be that of which Wordsworth speaks:—

The poor, and all who lack for strength,
Have his at their command.

In our case, the majority has been all along on the side of injustice. Though you will not admit it, you insist on the Jew eating pork or buying his own breakfast. The solitary Chinaman may "kiss him book" or "blow out him match" at his own sweet will. But the representatives of the biggest Church in Christendom are branded as sectional and separatist because of conscientious objections to "State doctrines and theology," "neutral-tinted deities," and legislation whose benevolent aim is to put an end "to the calling of the priesthood of the Church of Rome."

I am, etc.,

M. J. O'REILLY, C.M.

[Would our correspondent give us chapter and verse for his quotation from an alleged speech of Sir Henry Parkes, when introducing his Public Instruction Bill in 1879? As the Roman Catholic Church now claims to have been "thrown out" because of it, it will be interesting to know just where it is to be found in "Hansard."—Ed. "S.M.H."]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—That the Roman Catholic vote at the late election, in joining forces with the opponents of the Wade Government, was a very considerable factor in placing the M'Gowen Government in power, I for one never doubted, and the Roman conference just concluded in Sydney further confirms my hitherto formed opinion.

The requests put forward at this conference in the various resolutions adopted are a mild and polite way of requesting the Labour Government to subsidise the Roman schools (whose head is a prince of a foreign potentate). While the now celebrated ultimatum is a threat, Premier M'Gowen is so far silent. Even Mr. Holman, the tail who wags the head, is dumb. Rome is now looking to the Labour Government for concessions for support already accorded. Although the next general elections are a long way off, and Parliament is in recess, the Labour Government is between two fires, viz., the behests of Rome, on the one hand, and the fear of the vast majority of the people, on the other, who are upholders of our splendid Public school system, fought for and bequeathed to us by Australia's greatest statesman, Sir Henry Parkes. Will the Labour Government dare meddle with it?

I am, etc.,

THOS. BERRIE.

Yagobie, Jan. 24.

The committee of the Sydney School of Arts has succeeded in closing the financial year with a surplus of £309 18s 1d, the largest for 25 years. In comparison with the previous year, the revenue increased by £[illegible] 7d, and the expenditure decreased by £[illegible]. The committee's report has just been made available, and its tone is one of congratulation at the success of the past year's work.

In connection with the holiday to-day it is notified that increased services will be in force on all tramway lines.

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THE PRICE OF GAS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Why do so many people, especially public men, always speak unfairly when they talk about gas works? What is the use of public men going to the Premier, as they did the other day, and ask him to pass legislation to control gas companies, on a statement that the average price of gas in England is 1s 6d per thousand. The fact is that in England and Wales there are nearly 100 gas undertakings, in only about twenty of these is the price below 2s—one at Widnes, a corporation works, the price is about 1s; the average price in England is difficult to arrive at, but 3s must be nearer the price than 1s 6d. The price in London is 2s 2d to 2s 9d or 2s 8d. Round London it goes up to 3s 6d. In Sydney the price is 3s 3d to 3s 9d. What have reasonable people to complain about?

As for North Sydney with gas at 3s 9d, there are not many places in England that sell gas any cheaper (notwithstanding the Gas Sales Act). If you allow for higher labour costs, total consumption, consumption per mile of main, dearer plant, clerical work, etc., etc. This guess may not be quite correct, but I think it is.

Then the Bathurst price was quoted, but the real reason for the low rate was never mentioned. But to arrive at whether it pays or not many questions must be answered, amongst them:—What lighting rate has been charged since the works were started, and how much has been charged in other places? How much interest payable on account of the gas works has been paid out of the general rates? What price has been paid for the tar used by the council, and what was the rate in other places? What amount has been allowed for depreciation, and for the clerical work, etc? There are many other points that an accountant skilled in gas accounts would require to be answered. Credit is also claimed for corporation management, because, during the late strike, and their coal ran out, the gas supply was kept up by using wood, tar, etc. Can anything be more unfair? Be it known that the use of wood, etc., for making gas has often been adopted in New South Wales and other places for ages past. One gas works expected to be making gas if the strike lasted for 12 months without getting another ounce of coal into its bunkers, and finished up the strike period with large stocks of gas-making material on hand, and the supply of wood arranged for untouched. Which works deserves the credit—that controlled by the aldermen, or by the directors? The price of coal is very cheap at Bathurst, so that there could be little objection to a three months' stock, and gas ought to be cheap there.

The Act which the deputation asked for would be of no benefit to the public, because all companies practically work up to English conditions now. Luminosity is now practically useless compared to the past. The carrying over of debts by past tenants is really an attempt to get at the landlords, and municipalities have that power themselves for water and rates. Meters are repaired and tested by outside companies, so that a gas company's business is the most honestly conducted in the community, seeing that it does not manipulate its measures, and only takes the record. Of course if all the clerks, directors, and meter companies are in a conspiracy together, then robbing the public would be possible, but this is surely an idea fit only for fools and little children.

I may add that I am not a shareholder in either of the companies specially referred to, nor am I even acquainted with any of the directors. It is opportune to add that if the principle underlying the English Sales of Gas Act, that is, "regulated monopoly," was supported by the Australian Labour parties, and encouraged also for other industries and undertakings, great benefits would in my opinion accrue to the people of Australia. I am, etc., A GAS MAN.

P.S.—The recent invention of vertical retorts seems to promise a cheapening of gas on account of the high cost of labour here as compared with England.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—There was a time when I used to be a pretty constant contributor to the pages of the "Herald," but of late I have devoted my leisure to travelling, reading, thinking, and noting the various problems mentioned in the columns and referred to in the articles of the Sydney senior morning paper. The article in the "Herald" of 13th inst. under the heading "Gas and Mr. M'Gowen" induces me to ask the editor to allow me to again express my thoughts. You write:—"None the less, we are inclined to support strongly the general view of the deputation, and to go a step further than Mr. M'Gowen himself ventured. Gas supply is essentially a field for municipal activity. It is one of those public services in which almost everyone shares, and it is in the interests of the whole community that the supply should be as cheap and as efficient as it can be made. It is common knowledge that the undertaking is a very profitable one, and without in any way wishing to trespass on the rights of private enterprise, this seems a case in which the profits should belong to the municipality. Had Mr. M'Gowen had the courage to avow to the full his socialistic aspirations at this point he would have been sure of a good deal more sympathy than he generally receives." I endorse every word you have written. Gas is now a public utility. It was brought home to us during the strike the other day. I wanted a warm bath before going to bed—no gas. I wanted a cup of tea early in the morning—no gas.

It is absolutely necessary for poor and rich people alike. It is used in the factory and manufacturing works, but not to the extent that it will be when all the advantages of power gas is known in Australia. To produce cheap gas cheap coal must be supplied. This opens up the question how to obtain the cheapest coal. I have been through the collieries of the north, south, and west in New South Wales, also seen coal raised in Queensland, and inspected the Powlett colliery in Victoria; I have watched with great interest the labour-saving appliances of collieries in Great Britain and on the Continent of Europe; I have stood by the cage as the skips of coal have been brought to the top in the largest collieries in America, and seen the great care taken in sorting and screening the coal by machinery, and delivering the various qualities of coal into trucks with the minimum amount of labour. I know as well as most men the cost of getting coal in various parts of the world; and state that in some districts in this State the mode of getting coal is obsolete and wasteful. It is not entirely a question of wages, because I do not know anywhere where white labour is used that lower rates than the rate published in the "Herald" of 21st instant, under the heading of "Vale of Clwydd Colliery," are paid:—"The dispute between the proprietors of the Vale of Clwydd coal mine and the miners in their employ was amicably adjusted yesterday. Work which was suspended eight weeks ago will be resumed on Monday morning on the basis of a payment of 1s 4d per ton. A fortnight ago Mr. Edden suggested that the work should be consolidated—that the shooting down, filling, and timbering should be attended to by one set of miners. Both sides fell in with the suggestion. The proprietors offered 1s 2½d. a ton, which was afterwards raised to 1/3 per ton. At a conference held yesterday the rate offered was advanced to 1/4 a ton, and accepted." We will assume that the other wages cost amount to a similar sum, as for shooting down, filling, and timbering. (It should not cost this amount at a modern fully equipped colliery). What becomes of the difference between it and the average price obtained for the coal from the Vale of Clwydd pit? We will refer again to the "Herald" of 18th inst, under the heading of "Lithgow, Monday." The selling price of coal, which determined the hewing rate in the Western district, has been ascertained to be 6/2.46 for the past six months (I believe the Railway Commissioners' contract is 6/6 per ton for large coal).

The Year Book of Australia, page 517, shows that the output of the Northern collieries for 1908 was 6,511,002 tons; Southern, 1,929,236 tons; Western, 706,787 tons. Had the late Government of New South Wales during the late colliery strike taken the advice of one of the most far-seeing business men of Sydney—I refer to the Lord Mayor—and had taken a colliery in the north, south, and west respectively, and seen the exact cost of getting coal in each district, I consider they would have been in power to-day, as the public everywhere expressed the sentiments of the Lord Mayor at the time. I think that the failure of the Government not doing the right thing at the right time lost them the election. What is Mr. M'Gowen going to do? Is he going to allow things to go on as before? Refer again to the "Herald" of 21st inst., under the heading of "South Coast Scandal," "Miners Herding in Huts," "Ten People Crowded with Typhoid Patient." The public conscience will be aroused over this matter, and a full inquiry made. Have our colliers been properly housed? Are they treated as human beings, who go down to the face of the coal; also when they come to the surface, what accommodation have they? What would I do if I were Premier? I would resume the Sydney Gas Works, and hand them over to the Municipal Council, and say: "Work this concern as a public utility." I would also resume, first a colliery on the Western line, and work it as the Victorian Government are working the Powlett mine; or I would buy all the collieries in the Lithgow Valley, at a fair price, and work two collieries instead of six as a public utility. I mention the Lithgow Valley, as the Government are the greatest purchasers there. Of course the departmental officers of the Government would see that the financial part was fully protected.

Before closing, I would like to quote the concluding words of your article: "We may lay it down as a general principle that either gas or electric supply ought to be a matter of municipal concern. At the same time it is open to question whether existing arrangements are bad enough to be abolished at any cost?" I maintain they are bad enough, and that if properly worked both coal and gas could be delivered to the public at least 25 per cent. under present costs. I mention coal because we have not that power to produce electricity as I have seen in America, Canada, and other countries. I consider it one of the functions of the State Government to give the cheapest and best supply of water, gas, and electricity, especially to small manufacturers. I am, etc., X.X.X.

BRUSH FARM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Under the above heading a paragraph appears in your valuable paper of January 24 discussing a letter published on January 14, which was a reply to the statement made by the superintendent of that institution. It appears to have caused the Hon. Minister for Education to inquire into the matter, and, furthermore, to deny that my figures are correct; also to state practically that the school was thoroughly efficient.

As a proof of the truth of my figures in your issue of January 14, I beg to submit a copy of the statement of expenditure. They are as follow, and show:—

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s	d
Salaries and wages	1545	6	9
Maintenance	1026	8	10
Stores (clothing, etc)	221	8	3
Fuel, light, etc	91	3	2
Rent	54	3	4
Orchardist	151	8	4
Repairs	62	3	7
Library and recreation	15	19	6
Railway and telegraph	25	14	8
Petty expenses	29	6	11
Farm trust account	149	5	6
Apprentices' outfits	18	6	4
Dentistry	16	19	0
Sundries	71	10	6
	£3476	19	8

DEDUCTIONS.

	£	s	d
Tools and stores	567	3	1
General stores	240	10	4
Revenue	227	13	4
Improvements and additions	308	8	8
	£1143	15	5
	£2333	4	3

In the "Sydney Morning Herald" of December 2 the superintendent states that the cost per head per boy on the daily average (86.5) the daily cost is £26 19s 5d, and the cost per head per boy on the yearly average is £17 16s 2d. Yet, according to his own figures, as now exhibited, they must be, roughly, £65 per head per boy per annum, proving, as I previously stated, that my figure of £62 per boy per annum is well within the mark. If the Government Blue Book and the Government officer's figures fail to correspond it is the Government Auditor's duty to find out why. I am, etc.,

Jan. 25. ORANG.

CONFERENCE AND THE REFERENDUM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The fact that the Labour Cabinet of New South Wales is divided on the question of the proposed transfer of additional powers to the Commonwealth, shows that there are good grounds for difference of opinion among Labour voters as to the wisdom of thus enlarging the scope of Federal legislation. Of course, it is held by some that, if the conference of the political labour league determines by majority in favour of the transfer, every loyal Labourite in this State, whether Cabinet Minister or domestic servant, must vote "Yes" at the referendum. But this is a wrong inference. If the majority of delegates in the conference, who represent numbers very unequally, were to carry a motion in favour of the change, and were to say, further, that this morally compelled every labourite to vote "Yes," it would be a case of conference usurping the fundamental political rights of the Labour electors. The very purpose of the referendum is that, if a majority of the members of Parliament, elected by the chance majorities in their respective constituencies, carried, with the best intentions, some important measure, this measure could be referred by itself to the whole body of voters, who would say "Yea" or "Nay" on its merits, apart from the personal and other issues which were involved when they chose their representatives who passed it.

It has been the experience in Switzerland, where the referendum has had so long a trial, that not a few measures, which the members of the Legislature honestly believed were desired by the electors, were rejected later at the referendum poll. So, many unionists and others who voted to put Labour in power at the Federal elections will not be coerced by their Federal members, or by the State conference, into voting for the transfer of full power over industries, monopolies, and corporations, to a central Government, which has not yet proved its capacity to satisfactorily carry out the powers it was given in 1901, and they will further, be influenced by the fact that the ablest members of the State Ministry are opposed to the transfer.

I am, etc., J. A. H.

When you feel constipated take Chamberlain's Tablets; they produce a pleasant movement of the bowels.—Advt.

MEETINGS.

THE SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-fourth Half-yearly Ordinary General MEETING will be held in the Company's Registered Offices, Mutual Life of New York-building, Martin-place, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 3rd February, 1911, at 2.30 p.m.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 20th January to the 3rd February, 1911, both days inclusive.

BUSINESS:

To receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1910.

To Elect two Directors in the place of the Hon. Bruce Smith, K.C., M.P., and James Angus, Esq., who retire in conformity with the Articles of Association, and are eligible for re-election and offer themselves accordingly.

To elect two Auditors for the year 1911 in place of Messrs H. Dunstan Vane and William Craig, who seek re-election, and to fix their remuneration for the year.

To transact such other business as may be brought forward in conformity with the Articles of Association.

By order of the Board,

TOM DICKINSON, Secretary.

Martin-place, Sydney, 16th January, 1911.

The Hon. Bruce Smith and Mr. James Angus have given notice that they are candidates for re-election as Directors.

Mr. Ebenezer Vickery and Mr. Philip Mitchell have also given the requisite notice of their candidature for election to the Board of Directors.

THE SYDNEY HYDRAULIC AND GENERAL ENGINEERING COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Nineteenth Half-yearly Ordinary General MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Registered Office, Mutual Life of New York-building, Martin-place, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 3rd February, 1911, at 2.45 o'clock.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 20th January to the 3rd of February, 1911, both days inclusive.

BUSINESS:

To declare an interim Dividend of ninepence per Share for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1910.

To transact such other business as may be brought forward in conformity with the Articles of Association.

By order of the Board

TOM DICKINSON, Manager.

Martin-place, Sydney, 20th January, 1911.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DESTITUTE CHILDREN, RANDWICK.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-ninth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children will be held at the Asylum, Randwick, on FRIDAY, February 3rd, 1911, at 3 p.m.

BUSINESS:—

1. Annual Report of the Directors for 1910.
2. Treasurer's Balance-sheet for 1910.
3. Appointment of Honorary Office-bearers.
4. Election of Four Directors in accordance with the Bylaws.
5. Such other Business as may be submitted by the Board of Directors.

JOSEPH COULTER, Superintendent and Secretary.

CALLS AND DIVIDENDS ON SHARES.

PINE HILL GOLD-MINING CO., NO LIABILITY.

NOTICE OF CALL.

NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL (the first) of One Shilling per share has been made on the Contributing shares in this Company, and is payable at the Registered Office of the Company, 46 Royal Exchange, Adelaide, on WEDNESDAY, the eighth day of February, 1911.

By order of the Board.

J. L. ANDREWS, Secretary.

Adelaide, 19th January, 1911.

When paying Calls shareholders must clearly specify the distinctive numbers and the names of registered holders of the shares.

Country and Interstate Cheques must include exchange.

THE SUNBEAM MINING COMPANY, No Liability.—A CALL of Two Shillings per share in respect of the Contributing Capital of the Company has this day been made, payable at the office of the Company, No. 14 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, 8th February next.

Dated this twenty-fifth day of January, 1911.

WILLIAM COPE, for the Directors.

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BROKEN HILL BAND in BOOSEY CUP FINAL, TO-NIGHT, at 8, SPORTS GROUND. One Shilling.

LEGAL NOTICES.

(Continued from Page 3.)

IN THE INDUSTRIAL COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Application No. 33 of 1911.—In the matter of an application by the CARRINGTON COAL AND COKE SHIPPING UNION TRADE UNION for the constitution of a Board for the following group of Industries,—viz., All persons employed in Shipping Coal and Coke for the port of Newcastle.—NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Court at the Courthouse, Queen's-square, Sydney, on MONDAY, the thirteenth day of February, 1911, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as the Court may hear the application for the Constitution of a Board for the following group of Industries,—viz., All persons employed in Shipping Coal and Coke for the port of Newcastle. Dated the 14th day of January, 1911. JAMES SMITH, Secretary, Carrington Coal and Coke Shipping Union, Young-street, Carrington.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOHN JAMES GUILFOYLE, late of Peak Hill, in the State of New South Wales, Postmaster, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, with Will annexed, may be granted to DANIEL JOSEPH GUILFOYLE, the Father of the said deceased, and all notices may be served at Lawson-street, Hamilton. DANIEL JOSEPH GUILFOYLE.

AUCTION SALES.

HORSES WANTED.

We require for a constituent a number of DRAUGHT MARES. Those showing signs of work on city streets will be taken, not too old.

Inspection at our Bazaar TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 1.30.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SONS.

HORSES, HORSES, HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 2 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above.

On account of a CITY FIRM.

6 Good, useful Tradesmen's Cart Horses, in hard-feed condition, broken in ready to put straight to work.

6 Well-bred Brood Mares (including REGINA'S DAUGHTER), stinted to Dixie Daley, two with Foals at foot, by BELMONT M.

2 Yearling Fillies, by BRITTANNIC; also

8 Colts and Fillies, chiefly by DOUGLAS JUNIOR.

On account Mr. GEO. CHRISTEY, Hunter River.

40 Heavy and Medium Draughts, and strong Light Harness and Saddle Horses, principally 4 to 6 years old, broken and unbroken.

On account NORTHERN AGENTS, Trucked at Farley.

20 Fresh Country HORSES, comprising:—

1 Exceptionally Staunch Heavy Draught Gelding, 6yrs, highly recommended.

2 Active Draught Mares, suitable for breeding.

The balance useful light Harness Horses, broken in.

On account Mr. W. CABLE.

A specially good Bay Heavy Draught Gelding, staunch worker; would suit BREWER or HEAVY-CARRIER'S WAGGON.

On account Mr. J. AULD.

Black Gelding, broken to harness, suit a cab.

On account Mr. HAROLD CARDWELL.

Bay Gelding, broken to saddle and harness.

250 HORSES.

MAITLAND YARDS.

TUESDAY NEXT, JANUARY 31st.

J. ENRIGHT will sell by auction as above.

The full number (250) will be positively yarded, and will comprise upwards of 200 HEAD OF DRAUGHT STOCK, including a large number of FILLIES OF EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD QUALITY, AND EXTRA HEAVY GELDINGS.

INVERELL ANNUAL HORSE SALE.

MUNICIPAL YARDS, INVERELL.

COMMENCING FEBRUARY 1, 1911.

750 HEAD GUARANTEED TO BE YARDED, including 400 Heavy Draughts, station bred.

Comprising a splendid lot of young draughts from Wallangra and Myall Creek Stations.

The horses yarded will be the best ever submitted in Inverell.

C. J. TURNER sells, at his Rooms, Valentine-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, as under:—
1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, Birds, etc.
1.30, Eggs, then Poultry.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE.—MOSMAN.

Specially Interesting to Gentry Residing or about to Settle in any of those Beautiful North Side Suburbs.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 o'c.,

Under instructions from OTTO SCHMIDT, Esq., who is leaving for England.

THE MAGNIFICENT FURNISHINGS AND APPOINTMENTS OF ROKER, HOLT'S-AVENUE, MOSMAN, very near Avenue-road Tram, foot Cowles-road.

THE DINING-ROOM IN FINEST SOLID OAK.
DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS OF ROSEWOOD.
THE BEDROOM FURNITURE OF MOST STYLISH MODERN DESIGN AND BEST QUALITY.
SOME SPLENDID LINOLEUMS AND CARPETS of various Rooms, Hall, and Offices.
Elegant Casement Curtains, Lace and Holland Blinds.
AND SOME OF THE FINEST SILVERWARE offered for some time, supplied by Hardy Bros., Sydney.

THE MAGNIFICENT STECK PIANOLA PIANO, nearly new, and supplied to order Mr. Schmidt by the Pianola Co. Pty., of George-street, Sydney, at a cost of £140.

As our Client desires dispose of this Fine Instrument before leaving, intending buyers of such will do well to attend.

N.B.—Owing to THIS DAY being a public holiday, inspection will be on Sale Day Only, from 8.30 a.m.

SEVERAL VALUABLE AND VERY BEAUTIFUL WATER-COLOUR DRAWINGS, by Henri Tebbitt and other Artists of great repute are also for Sale, and Lovers of Fine Art and the best of everything will find this Sale on Friday one of the best opportunities offering.

The Residence will be open Extra Early, 8.30 a.m., on FRIDAY, for ample inspection prior to Sale.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUES will be sent Post Free to any address sent to the Auctioneers.

STRONGMAN, BRUNTNELL, AND CO., Telephone No., Burwood 200.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO SHOPKEEPERS, SHOP FITTERS, DEALERS, ETC. IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF TOOHEY and PAGE, Erskine-street, corner of Kent-street.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.

The Whole of the SHOP FITTINGS, etc.; Cash Register, 8 pairs Scales, Lamps, Ice Chests, Trucks, Marble Slabs, Showcases, Mirrors, Chairs, Tables, etc., etc. Details To-morrow's Herald.

M. GOULSTON AND CO.

Offices: 351 Pitt-street.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

KENSINGTON.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,

ON SATURDAY NEXT, JANUARY 28th,

AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.,

AT THE RESIDENCE, "HIGHBURY,"

DONCASTER-AVENUE,

under instructions from Mrs. K. SMITH.

The whole of her most superior and high-class HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS.

HANDSOME MODERN FURNITURE, AND COSTLY APPOINTMENTS.

Including SOLID WALNUT 6ft CARVED SIDEBOARD.
WALNUT DINING-ROOM SUITE (Carved).
SOLID WALNUT DRAWING-ROOM SUITE (Carved).
EXTENSION TABLES, HIGH-CLASS CHAIRS.
MAGNIFICENT BEDROOM SUITE, TOILET WARE.
FURNITURE OF 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS, including BLUE ENAMELLED BEDSTEADS, of elegant design.
DROPHEAD SEWING MACHINE.
MAGNIFICENT SILVER-PLATED WARE, E.P.N.S.
SUPERIOR ELECTROPLATED WARE, E.P.N.S.
ELEGANT HAND-PAINTED ORNAMENTS.
FINE ART VASES AND BRIC-A-BRAC.
EXQUISITE OVERMANTELS AND MIRRORS.
etc., etc.

The Recherche Furniture and Appointments are of the highest class, in perfect order, and practically new, the whole having only recently been purchased.

A splendid opportunity is here afforded to young couples about to furnish, those desirous of adding to their homes, and buyers in general of high-class and choicest furniture.

INSPECTION MORNING OF SALE. The Residence will be to Let.

M. GOULSTON AND COY., FURNITURE AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, have been favoured with instructions to sell as above, at "HIGHBURY," DONCASTER-AVENUE, KENSINGTON, SATURDAY NEXT, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

AUCTIONEERS' OFFICES: 351 PITT-STREET.

UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.

HENRY LEVY will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 138 Regent-street, city, the UNREDEEMED PLEDGES pawned with Mr. David Solomon, of 684 Darling-street, Rozelle, on TUESDAY, January 31st, at 11 o'clock.

1910.—May—14th, g cross and chain; 16th, brooch; 17th, ring; 19th, keeper; 21st, b ring and pin; 23rd, 3 st ring; 26th, s h k watch 77068; 28th, w ring, b ring; 30th, pendant and chain. June—2nd, s o f lever 13184 and chain; 13th, g ring; 25th, 5-st ring. July—4th, keeper, dia ring; 5th, h h dia ring; 10th, brooch; 12th, cross and chain, muff chain; 14th, brooch; 23rd, pendant, g medal, 2 sil medals; 25th, s h k watch 605471, 5st ring. Aug.—15th, sheets, t cloth, b gowns, quilt; 16th, 4 remnants; 17th, 4 pictures; 20th, sheeting; 22nd, gramophone, 82 records; 29th, skirt, blouse, shoes, suit, p slips; 31st, Singer sew machine B 60089. Sept.—3rd, suit; 5th, dress, m washstand, combination chest, trousers and vest, dress, petticoat; 12th, dress; 17th, skirt, blouse; 19th, pr blankets. Oct.—1st, dress; 5th, suit, skirt, coat and vest; 10th, pr top boots; 12th, Singer sew machine 43053; 15th, skirt, petticoats, pr boots; 20th, skirt. Also a large number of pledges on which 5s and under has been lent, and all goods previously advertised.

BROKEN HILL BAND in BOOSEY CUP FINAL, TO-NIGHT, at 8, SPORTS GROUND. One Shilling.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,

27th JANUARY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

EXTENSIVE SALE BY AUCTION,

WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

AT THE COMMODIOUS AUCTION ROOMS OF

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,

128, 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

SUPERIOR FURNITURE

and

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.

IN THE ESTATE OF

MRS. J. L. WILLIAMS (Deceased),

REMOVED FROM DOUBLE BAY TO THE ROOMS FOR CONVENIENCE OF SALE.

Also

THE FURNISHINGS OF A VILLA RESIDENCE, REMOVED FROM MOSMAN,

and

on Account of Various Vendors, including

MODERN DINING-ROOM FURNITURE.

DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS.

FURNITURE FOR ENTRANCE HALL AND LIBRARY.

ROYAL AXMINSTER AND BRUSSELS CARPETS.

A SMALL COLLECTION OF ELECTROPLATE.

THE FURNISHINGS OF SEVERAL BEDROOMS, including SUPERIOR SUITES FOR DOUBLE AND SINGLE APARTMENTS.

DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDSTEADS, Furnished Complete with the Best Quality Bedding, and AN EXTENSIVE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT of USEFUL FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

TWO SUPERB RONISCH PIANOFORTES,

BOTH UPRIGHT MODELS, IN BURR WALNUT CASES.

Also, SEVERAL PIANOFORTES BY OTHER LEADING MAKERS.

BANJO AND MANDOLIN.

COMBINATION BILLIARD AND DINING TABLE.

15-20-H.P. CLEMENT TALBOT

MOTOR CAR.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

ON VIEW FRIDAY MORNING PRIOR TO SALE.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, FURNITURE AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

TELEPHONE, CENTRAL 2066.

THE SALE of UNCLAIMED GOODS, advertised for Friday, 27th January, has been POSTPONED to MONDAY, 30th JANUARY, at 11 A.M.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., Auctioneers.

THE SYDNEY MAIL

The Sydney Mail contains each week Original Articles of the most entertaining kind.

BROKEN HILL BAND in BOOSEY CUP FINAL, TO-NIGHT, at 8, SPORTS GROUND. One Shilling.

NORTH SYDNEY.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m.

AT 31 MOUNT-STREET (near Post-office).

MODERN AND SUPERIOR FURNISHINGS and EFFECTS.

PIANOFORTE, RUBENSTEIN MODEL. This is a most Magnificent Instrument, quite new.
SADDLEBAG SUITE, WALNUT OVERMANTELS.
WALNUT SIDEBOARD, CARPETS, HEARTHRUGS.
Several Very Rare STEEL ENGRAVINGS, ETCHINGS.
DINING-ROOM SUITE, TABLE and COVER.
MARBLE CLOCKS, RARE VASES, BRIC-A-BRAC.
Bedroom Suites. Solid Cedar Chests Drawers.
Beautiful Pair Spanish Toilets, with Doulton Ware.
Massive B.M. BEDSTEADS, Bedding and Linen.
The Furnishings of 3 Bedrooms throughout.
HALL FURNITURE, CARPET RUNNERS, STAIR CARPET.
Enclosed Kitchen Dresser, Dinner and Tea Sets.
Patent Mangle, Garden Tools, Ferns, etc.

MITCHELL AND CRANSTON, AUCTIONEERS.

See To-morrow's Herald, full particulars.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK, on the premises, SALOPIA, GILBERT PARK, MANLY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, comprising

CED. SIDEBOARD, ROCKERS, LINO., COMBINATIONS, CHESTS OF DRAWERS, WARDROBE, LINEN PRESS, GILT PIER GLASS, M.-TOP HALLSTAND, M.-TOP WASHSTANDS and TOILET WARE, SINGLE and DOUBLE BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, TABLES, CHAIRS, CHEFF. SAFE, ENCLOSED DRESSER, GARDEN SEAT, 2-ROLLER MANGLE, KIT. UTENSILS.

ABSOLUTELY NO RESERVE.

J. RUSSELL JONES has received instructions to sell by auction, as above.

ORDER OF SALE.

SUBURBAN PROPERTIES, to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m. TO-MORROW (FRIDAY).

REDFERN.—Shop, No. 153 Bullanaming-street, and small Cottage at rear. Trustee's Sale. FREEHOLD.

GLEBE.—House, No. 107 St. Johns'-road, near Ross-street.

FOREST LODGE.—Cottage, No. 240 St. John's-road, near Ross-street. FREEHOLD.

WOOLLAHRA.—Residence, Maryville, and Cottage adjoining, Alton and Denison streets. LEASEHOLD.

PETERSHAM.—Two Houses, Athol and Blair, Nos. 8 and 10 South-avenue, off Palace-street. Executor's Sale.

LEWISHAM.—W.B. Cottage, Old Canterbury-road and Barker-street.

BURWOOD.—Cottage, Bowenfels, Park-road, through to Carella-street.

SOUTH WATERLOO.—Shop and Dwelling, Botany-road, near Hansard-street. FREEHOLD. Mortgagee's Sale.

ALEXANDRIA.—Cottage, No. 105 Wyndham-street. LEASEHOLD. Executor's Sale.

LEICHHARDT.—Cottage, No. 54 Mackenzie-street, near Moore-street. Executor's Sale.

MARRICKVILLE.—Cottage, Chelsea, Charles-street, near tram, in Addison-road.

MEADOWBANK.—Residence, Glenroy, and 2a 2r 20½p. Station, Sherbrook, and Constitution roads, Executor's Sale.

DITTO.—Allotment, Bank street. Executor's Sale.

EASTWOOD.—Allotment, May-street, with stable and buggy-house thereon. Executor's Sale.

DITTO.—Cottage, May-street. Executor's Sale.

AUBURN.—Block of Land, 9 acres, Chisholm-road and Duck River, nearly opposite Albert-street. Mortgagee's Sale.

BOTANY.—Corner Block Land, Park and Garden roads. Executor's Sale.

KOGORAH.—Lots, Solander and Annie streets. Executor's Sale.

ROCKDALE.—Allotments, Arthur-street. Executor's Sale.

DITTO.—Allotments, Stoney Creek-road and Abercorn-street. Executor's Sale.

TURRAMURRA.—Allotments, Boyd-avenue. Hordern's Grant. Executor's Sale.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

OXFORD-STREET LEASEHOLDS.

FOUR ALLOTMENTS, Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, each 20 feet frontage by 70 feet back to lane. Fifty Years' Term from 1910.

Each subject ground rental of £135 yearly to City Council.

Bidding will be for a Bonus. In one or more lots. This Sale is on Private Account.

AUCTION SALE MONDAY, 30th JANUARY, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD.

MAROUBRA.

TO-DAY,

BOYS.

MEET THE 'BUSES FREE OF CHARGE, DUDLEY-STREET (COOGEE TRAM), OR MAROUBRA STOP (LONG BAY TRAM).

HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

W. DAY, Coogee, Local Agent.

DON'T FORGET TO-DAY.

THE GREAT DEEWHY BEACH ESTATE.

NEAR MANLY,

BETWEEN DEEWHY HEAD AND LONG REEF,

KNOWN AS THE "OAKS PICNIC GROUND."

This great subdivision, of nearly 300 Choice Lots, some with Ocean Frontages, and all commanding views of the Pacific Ocean in all its majestic splendour.

AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND.

THIS DAY, ANNIVERSARY DAY,

JANUARY 26, 1911, AT 2 P.M.

Surfers, Week-enders, and Speculators, wait for this opportunity. It will pay you.

LONG, EASY TERMS. TORRENS TITLE.

Free 'Buses from Brookvale Tram from 9.30 a.m. First-class Band. Hot and Cold Water Free. Refreshments can be purchased on the Ground.

H. W. HORNING AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 131 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

Messrs. MACGREGOR and PALMER, SOLICITORS to Estate, 131 Pitt-street, Sydney.

SALE WET OR FINE. MARQUEE PROVIDED.

YOWIE BAY DEEP WATER FRONTAGES.

PORT HACKING.

AUCTION SALE—TO-DAY,

AT 3 P.M.,

ON THE GROUND.

Leave Sydney by rail for Sutherland by the 10.12 a.m. or 1.10 p.m. train.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

MOTOR 'BUS will meet all trains at Sutherland from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free 'Bus Tickets can be obtained at Sutherland Railway Station from one of our representatives.

HUGH DUFF & CO., AUCTIONEERS,

383 GEORGE-STREET, CITY.

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FUNERALS.

BENTLEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. BENTLEY and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Eileen Winifred; to leave her grandmother's residence, 22 Nimrod-street, Darlinghurst, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Waverley Cemetery. COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

BENTLEY.—The Friends of Mrs. M. MALONE and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved GRANDDAUGHTER and NIECE, Eileen Bentley; to leave her grandmother's residence, 22 Nimrod-street, Darlinghurst, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Waverley.

BENTLEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. MACREADIE and Mr. and Mrs. E. TEIRNEY and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved NIECE and COUSIN, Eileen Bentley; to leave her grandmother's residence, 22 Nimrod-street, D'hurst, THIS DAY, at 2.30, for R.C. Cem., Waverley.

BRYDEN.—The Friends of Mrs. W. BRYDEN and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND; to leave his late residence, Bedford-street, Forest Hill, at 9.30 a.m., for Canterbury Cemetery.

BRYDEN.—Members of the BOOKBINDERS AND PAPER RULERS' UNION are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late Comrade, WILLIAM BRYDEN; to leave Bedford-street, Forest Hill, Canterbury, TO-DAY, at 9.30 a.m., for Canterbury Cemetery. C. G. ELDRIDGE, Pres.; FRED. THORNTON, Sec.

BROMLEY.—The Friends of the late Mrs. ANN BROMLEY are kindly invited to attend her Funeral, which will leave her late residence, 226 Liverpool-street, city, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for the Necropolis.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors,
'Phone, 726, etc. Sydney and Suburbs.

BROMLEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD BROMLEY, Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD BROMLEY, Mr. JOHN BROMLEY, Mr. and Mrs. J. KINGSBURY, and Mr. A. DAVIDSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER, Ann, which will leave her late residence, 226 Liverpool-street, city, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for the Necropolis.

COLE.—The Friends of the late JABEZ COLE, late of Enmore, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Hadley, Herbert-street, Dulwich Hill, THIS DAY, at 3 o'clock, for Balmain Cemetery.
T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker,
Tel., 198 N. 25 Enmore-road, Newtown.

COLE.—Loyal St. John's Lodge, No. 6, M.U.I.O.O.F., Newtown.—Officers and Brothers of the above and kindred Lodges are invited to attend the Funeral of our late BROTHER, Jabez Cole; to leave Hadley, Herbert-street, Dulwich Hill, THIS THURSDAY, at 3 p.m., for Balmain Cemetery.
By order. W. J. WILLETT, N.G.
JAMES TRAHAIR, Secretary.

CRUIKSHANK.—The Friends of Mrs. REBECCA CRUIKSHANK are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, William; to move from his late residence, Stawell Cottage, St. Paul's-street, Randwick, at 10 a.m. TO-DAY, 26th inst., for Randwick General Cemetery.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors,
SYDNEY and SUBURBS. 'PHONE, 726, etc.

CRUIKSHANK.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN and Mr. and Mrs. HENRY CRUIKSHANK are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, William; to move from his late residence, Stawell Cottage, St. Paul's-street, Randwick, at 10 a.m. TO-DAY, for Randwick Gen. Cemetery.

CRUIKSHANK.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN CRAWFORD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, William; to move from his late residence, Stawell Cottage, St. Paul's-street, Randwick, at 10 a.m. TO-DAY, 26th inst., for Randwick General Cemetery.

CRUICKSHANK.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. BROWN, of Glebe Point, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late BROTHER-IN-LAW; to leave his late residence, Stawell, St. Paul's-road, Coogee, at 10 a.m., for Randwick Cemetery.

DAY.—The Funeral of the late MARY DAY will leave Sydney Hospital, Domain entrance, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 8.30, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Ltd., Undertakers,
Tel., 875 C. 7 Elizabeth-st, city; also Burwood, North Sydney, and Mosman.

ENFIELD.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. MARY ANN ENFIELD will leave her late residence, 54 Union-street, Erskineville, THIS MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
W. N. BULL, Funeral Director.

HANLIN.—The Friends of the late Mrs. ELLEN HANLIN are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral, to leave her late residence, 5 Bourke-street, Redfern, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Waverley Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Head Office and Mortuary Chambers, 472-84 Harris-street.

MOSS.—The Friends of Mrs. SUSAN MOSS and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved HUSBAND and FATHER, Peter Moss; to leave their residence, Church-street, Canterbury, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necropolis, via Burwood station.
COFFILL and COMPANY.

MOSS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. TYRRILL are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FATHER, Peter Moss; to leave Church-street, Canterbury, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY.

MOSS.—The Friends of Mr. HENRY MOSS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved BROTHER, Peter; to leave Church-street, Canterbury, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necropolis, via Burwood station.
COFFILL and COMPANY.

MOSS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN McCOY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SON-IN-LAW, Peter Moss; to leave Church-street, Canterbury, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY.

MOSS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. BALTON, and Mr. and Mrs. CORNWELL are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Peter Moss; to leave Church-street, Canterbury, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY.

MOSS.—The Friends of Messrs. THOMAS, JOHN, FREDERICK, and JAMES McCOY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Peter Moss; to leave his late residence, Church-street, Canterbury, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necropolis, via Burwood station.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Burwood Branch, Railway-parade.

RYAN.—The Funeral of the late WILLIAM RYAN will leave our Funeral Parlours, 10 Castlereagh-street, city, THIS DAY, at 2.45, for Waverley Cemetery.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Ltd., Undertakers,
Tel., 875 C. 7 Elizabeth-st, city; also Darlinghurst and Paddington.

RYAN.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM RYAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved WIFE; to leave Sydney Hospital, Domain entrance, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Central Office, Rawson-place, Haymarket.

RYAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. KUHN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved SISTER, Harriet Ryan; to leave Sydney Hospital, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.

REID.—The Funeral of the late Mr. JOHN FINLAY REID will leave his mother's residence, Folkestone, Falcon-street, North Sydney, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock noon, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Necropolis, by Funeral Train, leaving Mortuary Station at 2.22 o'clock.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors, 'Phone, 726 Central, and 9 North Sydney.

SLATER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM SLATER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SON, Alexander Henry; to leave 44 Greek-street, Glebe, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Tel., 424, 1160 Central, etc.

SAINTILON.—The Friends of Mrs. KATE SAINTILON and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER; to move from his late residence, 16 Argyle-place, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood.
Mrs. B. KIRBY and SON, Ltd., Undertakers,
Tel., 875 C. 7 Elizabeth-street, city.

SAINTILON.—The Members of the COAL LUMPERS' UNION are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late Fellow-member, PETER SAINTILON; to move from his late residence, 16 Argyle-place, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood.
W. O'CONNOR, Secretary.

SEYMOUR.—The Funeral of the late Mr. JAMES SEYMOUR will leave Fithsden, 43 High-street, North Sydney, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2.45, for C.E. Cemetery, Gore Hill.
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PROFESSIONS, TRADES, ETC.

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APPLICATIONS will be received by the undersigned for the Position of MINE and MILL MANAGER on a Mine in New South Wales. Particulars as to duties, etc. may be obtained at this office. Applications will not be received after noon Saturday, February 4th, 1911. F. H. MOLESWORTH, F.C.S., F.G.S., Vickery's-chambers, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney.

BOYS, 16 years of age, wanted for sawmill. Apply H. M'Kenzie, Limited, Sawmills, Ourimbah.

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CLERK wanted, either sex, knowledge of shorthand and typewriting. Salary 20s. State age, references to DARRAH, Herald, King-street.

CHEMIST.—Qualified experienced Assistant wanted, with view to partnership, capital no necessity, must have best credentials. State rel. to Aurum, Herald.

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MACHINISTS, for Skirts and Costumes, also Finishers for same. Call Fri., Wright-Fox, 498 Kent-st.

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MEAT INSPECTOR REQUIRED.
Applications will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock noon on WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1911, from persons competent to discharge the duties of MEAT INSPECTOR.
Applicants must possess a thorough knowledge of the diseases to be found in meat and animals.
Applications to be made in own handwriting, and to be accompanied by COPIES OF TESTIMONIALS ONLY, and which must reach the undersigned by the time mentioned above.
Applicants are to understand distinctly that they must NOT forward any ORIGINAL TESTIMONIALS, and in the event of original testimonials being forwarded they will not be returned under any circumstances.
THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Sydney, 20th January, 1911.

PLUMBERS.—Good MAN wanted. New Cottages, Altona-st, Abbotsford, near terminus.

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SMART Office-Message BOY wanted, knowledge of city. Apply Foerth and Null, Ltd., 84½ Pitt-st.

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TEACHER req. for ladies' school, small sal., time for study. Subjs., etc., to Mater, Enmore P.O.

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TAILORESSES.—Trousers Hands wanted, constant. Price and Co., 174 King-st.

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TO TAILORS.—Wanted, for Young, a good practical Tailor, one capable of cutting from block patts., and to take charge in absence principal. Must have pers. refs. Apply Friday, Hooper, Harrison, 57 York-st.

TWO smart LADS required for Warehouse. Apply Friday morning, between 8 and 9, to Storeman, 152 Clarence-street, city.

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TIMBER.—Wanted, for Brisbane, good Timber Accountant, able to take full charge of books and office. Age not over 30 years. Send particulars of experience, salary required, and testimonials, Box 585, G.P.O., Sydney.

POSITIONS VACANT.

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TEACHERS' REGISTRY, EQUITABLE-BUILDING.—ASSISTANT MASTER, resident, wanted, for Newington College, Sydney, for preparatory work; Resident Governess, school, Sydney, C.E., French for junior exam., £60; Governess, Gular, £50; Gular, English, piano, organ, £40; Randwick, Latin, mathematics, morning, £40; Primary Governess, daily, Hornsby, £30; Nursery Governess, Walcha, £40.

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WANTED, Office BOY. Apply Stafford Bros., 132 Sussex-st.

WANTED, a JUNIOR CLERK. Apply James M'Mahon and Co., Darling Harbour.

WANTED, GIRLS, just left school, good wages. Apply Rosman and Co., 133 King-st.

WANTED, Man, used Repair and Retread Motor Covers. Federal Rubber Works, Little George-st.

WANTED, Carpenter, build 2 benches. Apply 8 a.m. Friday, Smythe, 5 Hunter-st.

WANTED, HOD-CARRIER. Start on Friday. 71 Mount Vernon-st, Glebe.

WANTED, resp. GIRL, for fruit shop. Apply 61 Erskineville rd, Erskineville.

WANTED, smart, gentlemanly YOUTH, as Junior, for office. Apply T.H.R., Herald Office.

WANTED, COACHSMITH, one from country preferred. J. M. Gates, Manly.

WANTED, Labourer, exper. pick and shovel work, bring tools. Apply early, 126 Flinders-st, M. Pk.

WANTED, first-class Drainer, able to form rubble drain. Apply early, Lyons, 126 Flinders-st, M. Pk.

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WANTED, 2 young Ladies for smallgoods shop. 67 Mullens-st, Balmain.

WANTED, a first-class Improver, with experience in fitting and turning, wages £2 per week. Apply Thursday morning, Workshop, 19 Queen-st, Newtown.

WANTED, compt. sober DRIVER, for Garbage Cart, married man pref. Open till Sat., noon. Newman, Randwick, rear of Payten's Stables.

WANTED, Blacksmith's Improver, one well up in shoeing preferred. Apply, stating wages expected, to THOS. FOWLIE, Queanbeyan.

WANTED, competent young Man, take temporary charge of small farm, near Moss Vale. State experience and references and pay, 347, Herald.

WANTED, at once, MAN, erect rubble stone walls for 2 rooms. For particulars, apply by letter, W. X., Scarborough P.O., Illawarra Line.

WANTED, smart GIRL, for General Office Work, must have knowledge of Typewriting. 12s 6d to commence. Apply 345, Herald Office.

WANTED for Perth, W.A., first-class all-round JEWELLER. Salary up to £4, or more if undertake setting. Apply BOSCH, BARTHEL, and CO.

WANTED, REPORTER COMPOSITOR for weekly country newspaper, wages 45s. Apply, with copies of testimonials, to Watch, Box 241.

WANTED, young Male TYPIST and SHORTHAND, knowledge of stock and station agency work preferred. Apply by letter, stating experience and salary required, to Box 60, G.P.O., Sydney.

WANTED, a strong sober MAN, able to do fencing, gardening, and attend to fowls, wages to suitable man 15s, with quarters and keep. Apply by letter, with reference, to Mrs. H. A. MORGAN, Wetonga, Epping.

WANTED at once, a CERTIFICATED GENERAL HOSPITAL or OBSTETRIC NURSE, for Private Hospital, Stanthorpe, Queensland. Salary, £52. Apply to THE MATRON.

WANTED, smart JUNIOR for Hosiery Department. Apply R. REID and CO., Ltd., 24 York-street.

WANTED, a NURSERY GOVERNESS, for Burradoo, to teach one small boy and assist in housework. Personal references indispensable. Meet lady between 10 and 12, Saturday morning, Hotel Australia. Salary, £40 a year.

WARREN DISTRICT HOSPITAL. APPLICATIONS are invited for Position of Senior Probationer Nurse. Salary, £35 per annum. Two years' previous hospital nursing experience indispensable. Applications, with testimonials, to be in hands of Secretary by MONDAY, the 6th February proximo. H. W. LOVETT, Secretary. January 24, 1911.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1904. SUPERINTENDENT, FREMANTLE PRISON. Applications will be received by the undersigned up to 28th February, 1911, for the Position of SUPERINTENDENT, FREMANTLE PRISON. Salary, £405 per annum, rising to £450, with quarters. M. E. JULL, Public Service Commissioner, Surrey-chambers, Perth.

YOUNG Woman for office work, must be bright, quick, and of good appearance. Call Room 14, Equitable-bldg.

SERVANTS WANTED.

A BARMAID, 20s, 3d bar, first-class sub. hotel; Relieving Barmaid, city hotel. Apply 10 o'c., 62 Eliz.-st.

A PANTRYMAID wanted. Apply Hotel Metropole.

A GOOD Plain Ironer, sleep on prem., if necessary; also [illegible] Washer. Open till Mond. 125 Riley-st, H.P.

A GROOM, must drive, useful about house. St. Elmo, Dailyst (back Council-chambers).

AT ISRAEL'S, 27 Eliz.-st. To-day, until 11.—Wtd., Porter, 15s, tips, also W'tress, ldg. htl., mountains.

A CLEAN WOMAN, to wash and iron. Apply early, 64 William-st, city.

A GOOD General SERVANT. Apply 188 Albion-st, Surry Hills.

ALL CLASSES wanted, town, country, good wages. Mrs. Hersiman, 175 Pitt-st, near G.P.O.

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BARMAID, for leading city hotel, 25s. Meers' Agency, 35 Elizabeth-st.

BARMAID, suburb, 20s; Barmaid, public, city, 25s. Before 10 o'c. to-day, Frith's, 69 Elizabeth-st.

COMPT. Housemaid-W'tress, Gen., L'dress, emp., w. 12s, fares paid. Eglinton, Tram Ter., Glebe Point.

COOK, young, for small boarding-house, or General Servant, res. Baroda, 50 Macleay-st, Potts Point.

COOK-LAUNDRESS, refs. Apply Thurs., Fri., or Sat. morn., Rethlin, Livingstone-rd, Petersham.

COMP. GARDENER, milk and useful. Corona, Findlay-av., Roseville.

DOMESTICATED Lady Help or H'keeper, for 1 lady, open till Sat. Apply Miss C[illegible], 42 Hunter-st.

GOOD Cook, gen. Housemaid and L'dress, emp., wages 15s, fares paid. Eglinton, Tram Ter., Glebe Point.

GENERAL wanted, good wages. Dalkey, New South Head-rd, Rose Bay.

GENERAL wanted, at once. 15s. Eastwood Hotel. Tel., 100 Epping.

GARDENER required, for Darlinghurst, one day a week. Apply, with copy of references, to H. N. H., Herald Office.

HOUSEMAID-WAITRESS, or smart General, at once, Tattersall's Hotel, Parramatta. Tel., 137 P.

HOUSEMAN-WAITER, others kept, strictly sober, comp. Ocean View, Ocean Beach, Manly. T., 155.

HELP, domesticated, homely, [illegible] to 10s. Mrs. Miller, 131 Bondi-rd, near Post-office.

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LAUNDRY.—Shirt Machinists, top wages. Champion Laundry, 12 Carlton-crescent, Summer Hill.

LIGHT GENERAL, 2 adults, good home, wages 14s. 251 Elizabeth-st, city.

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LAUNDRY.—Wanted 6 smart GIRLS for folding. Sydney Steam Laundry, Crown and Stanley sts.

LAUNDRY. Wanted, good Shirt and Collar Ironer, also Washer. Darlinghurst Laundry, 22 Hardie-st.

LAUNDRY.—Leading SORTER and PACKER, experienced and smart, good wages competent person, open week. Apply letter, with partics. and references, to M719, Herald Office.

LADY HELP, two adults, all duties, at once. State salary required, to Mrs. HAYNE, Colac, near Gundagai.

MARRIED COUPLES, stns, and bach. quarters; Useful Men, Cooks, Generals, Dairy Hands, Farm Lads wanted, at PAISLEY'S, 68 Hunter-street.

NURSE, exp. chil., £40, ctry.; H.P. Md., 16s; H. Ms., 15s; COOKS, 17s, 20s; L.Hs. Broun, 93 Pitt-st.

PORTER, 15s, tips; also Waitress, leading hotel, mountains. Fifty Vacancies. Till 11 to-day.

PARLOUR MAID wanted, some housework. Apply before 1 p.m. Mrs. FRENCH, Thaxted, Victoria-road, Double Bay, close to Watson's Bay and Dover-road tram line. Fare paid.

REQUIRED by elderly Man, at once, Furn. Room, city pref., no att. whatever, key. Osborn, Herald.

ROSEVILLE.—Married Couple, man compt. gardener, wife cook and l'dress. Corona, Findlay-av., Roseville.

THOROUGH GENERAL, two in family. Greenheys, Botany-street, Randwick.

USEFUL WOMAN, sleep at home, wages 14s. Gainsborough, 221 Victoria-st, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, competent General, good wages, Clontarf, catch Maori Village boat, Fort M'quarie. Fares pd.

WANTED, an experienced GENERAL, small family. Mrs. W. J. Scammell, Melrose, Middle Hd.-rd, Mos.

WANTED, good Shirt IRONERS, 2s all round. W. Scarlett, Lindfield Laundry, Lindfield.

WANTED, GIRL, for kitchen work, others kept. Apply Mrs. R. Scott, Waterview, Point Clare.

WANTED, a smart Kitchenmaid, 16s, also a Pantrymaid, 13s, start at once. 47 Liverpool-st.

WANTED, smart GIRL. Apply New Zealand Tea Rooms, No. 5 Hunter-st.

WANTED, for Killara, General or Lady Help, nurse-housemaid kept, no laundry, sep. rm. 391, Herald.

WANTED, GIRL, house duties, no wash. or iron., g. stv., 3 fam. T. 443. Ensbey, Gurner-st, Padd.

WANTED, experienced GENERAL. Apply No. 7 Darlinghurst-rd, near Macleay-st.

WANTED, Mother's Help, small family. Mrs. Phillips, Bruesside, Ben Boyd-rd North, Neutral Bay.

WANTED, first-class Chef, must have good reference. Apply after 10, Imperial Hotel, Wynyard-square.

WTD., comp. GEN., or mid.aged Woman, 3 in fam., g. wgs. Wairoa, Holt-st, Double Bay, off L. Ocean-st.

WANTED, a resp. General Servant, refs. req., good wages. Mrs. John Ebbs, Boolmey-st, Bowral.

WTD., compt. Shirt or Collar Machinist, gd. wages, to fast girl. Sunlight Ldry., Lackey-st, Sum. Hill.

WTD., nice Person, General Help, doctor's home, Sth. Coast. Bet. 10-11, Mrs. Greenwood, Royal Hotel.

WANTED, Gentlewoman as Help, few weeks, Leura, no washing. Write, L.W., 34 Darlinghurst-rd.

SERVANTS WANTED.

WANTED, Mother's HELP. Apply Mrs. Elliott, The Pines, Hurstville. Tel., 97 Kog.

WANTED, good SHIRT IRONER. The Parisian Laundry, 118 Oxford-st, Woollahra, opp. Park.

WANTED, GIRL, as GENERAL HELP. 65 Mullens-st, Balmain.

WANTED, LADY HELP, small family. Mrs. H. Wilkinson, Wyrooma, Rangers-rd, Neutral Bay.

WANTED, reliable Plain COOK, sleep out. 272 Elizabeth-st, opp. Railway Station.

WANTED, WOMAN to do day's washing and ironing. 105 Mitchell-rd, Alexandria.

WANTED, a smart WAITRESS, no Sunday work. 78 George-st West.

WANTED, BILLIARD-MARKER. Apply 11 o'clock, Manhattan Billiard Hall, Equitable-bldg., Geo.-st.

WANTED, Light GENERAL or Lady Help, evenings free. Apply Heathcote, Russell-st, Strathfield.

WANTED, KITCHENMAN. Apply after 9, Hinton Hall, Margaret-st, Wynyard-square.

WANTED, a General SERVANT, good wages. Apply Mrs. A. Rosen, Taunton, Moruben-rd, Mosman.

WANTED, Gen. Servant, private house, Dundas, good home. App. Prince of Wales Hotel, Haymarket.

WANTED, a smart WAITRESS for 6d rest., good wages. Apply 178 King-st, Newtown.

WANTED, GENERAL, good plain cook, no washing. Apply 475 Dowling-st, Moore Park.

WANTED, good Laundress, for 2 days per week, permanent. Glenesmond, Prince Albert-st, Mosman.

WANTED, good GENERALS for hotels, good wages. Mrs. O'Sullivan, Reg. Office, 129 Redfern-st, Redfern.

WANTED, resp. strong Girl, as GENERAL, sleep home preferred. Apply 6 Railway-st, Petersham.

WANTED, Motherly Woman, good home, small wage. Mrs. L. Willis, May Cottage, John-st, Randwick.

WANTED, experienced WAITRESS. Baumann's, 162 Pitt-st.

WANTED, a reliable, kind Nursegirl, sleep home preferred. Apply Roma, 71C Darlinghurst-rd, D'hurst.

WANTED, a smart WAITRESS. Apply early, 146 Oxford-st.

WANTED, competent HOUSEMAID, at once. Apply Hotel Grand Central, Clarence-st.

WANTED, good General Servant, assistance given, Yandella, Old South Head-rd, Waverley.

WANTED, a LAUNDRESS, good Washer. Apply Wentworth Hotel.

WANTED, SORTER; also FOLDERS. Frankfort Laundry, Victoria-st, Paddington.

WANTED, a sober MAN, for Kitchen and Housework. Apply 60 Darlinghurst-rd, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, yg. Wetnurse, without baby, also assist housework, g. home, wages 16s. Ophir, P'sham P.O.

WANTED, 2 smart Kitchenmaids, 15s, start at once, Club, Oxford-st, opp. Marshall's Brewery.

WANTED, a good General. Apply after 8 a.m., Belvedere Hotel, Kent and Bathurst sts.

WANTED, smart Girl, to assist housework, sleep home. After 9 a.m., 34 Carrington-st, Wynyard-sq.

WANTED, good PANTRYMAID. Apply Miss Arnold, 137 Macquarie-st.

WANTED, capable Lady Help, for Pymble, all duties except washing, gas stove, wages 14s. Mrs. STOBO, c/o Box 1023, G.P.O.

WANTED, competent House-Parlour MAID, must have personal reference, 18s; two other maids kept. Apply by letter, Mrs. CHARLES TAYLOR, Pitmedden, Gordon, North Shore line.

WANTED, a WORKING HOUSEKEEPER, for country town, no objection to child, light place. Apply MISS HAY, Arnott House, Wynyard-square.

WANTED, competent HOUSE and PARLOUR MAID, wages 16s. Apply, with references, SPRINGFIELD, Darlinghurst-road.

WANTED, competent GENERAL, or young Girl as help, two adults, good wages. Marengo, Bertha-avenue, Neutral Bay. Tram to Bennett-street.

WANTED, COMPETENT GENERAL, 2 in family. Mrs. MARR, 21 Old South Head-road, Bondi Junction.

WANTED, thoroughly competent COOK or GENERAL, good wages. DURBAN CLUB HOTEL, Elizabeth-street.

WANTED, a HOUSEMAID, for Macarthur House, The King's School, Parramatta. Apply on Thursday or Friday afternoon, to Mrs. BRITTEN, Craigend House, Darlinghurst. Fares paid.

WANTED, first-class Female COOK and KITCHENMAID. Wages 35s and 15s. Apply HOUSE STEWARD, ROYAL SYDNEY GOLF CLUB, Rose Bay.

YARD MAN, good milker. W. Brady, Euston-rd, Alexandria.

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A COMPETENT Gardener requires WORK, daily or weekly, satisfaction given. Reply 379, Herald.

BY steady, willing worker, handy with Carpenter's and other tools. F., 41 Harrington-st, Marrickville.

ENGLISH GIRL, good sailor, give services to lady for passage to England; fond of children, or other duties. Amiable, Herald.

ENG. Driver, steady, sober, wants POS., cap. take charge traction, portable, stationary engs., air compressor, good refs. Apply Driver, P.O., Dungog.

FIRST-CLASS European Gardener takes on GARDENING. W. Kolbe, c/o Shepherd, nurs., Pitt-st.

GOOD PLAIN COOK or LAUNDRESS. Apply L.W., Post-office, North Sydney.

LAUNDRY.—An experienced Sorter and Packer wants Position. X.Y.Z., Herald Branch.

LADY, first-class cook, requires POSITION in restaurant, boarding-house, hotel, or would cook, private dinners. X. Y. Z., Herald Office.

MAN, hotel useful, total abstainer, Pos., hotel, board.-house or private house. Ex-steward, Herald.

M.C., good man with stock, etc, wife housekeeper, suit out-station, £90; Camp Cooks, Housekeepers, waiting, at PAISLEY'S, 68 Hunter-street.

PLUMBER.—Good TANKMAKER, and used to all machine work. Apply J. Laver, P.O., Sydney.

REFINED yg. Lady seeks Engage. with lady travel. Europe, return, good photog. A.E.S., L'hardt P.O.

REFINED country Girl, 21, like Pos. with lady, travelling to England, as Children's Nurse or any other Position. 312, Herald.

REFINED Young English Woman, good sailor, experienced children, give services in return Passage to England. Open one week. Excellent references. LUARD, Herald Office.

TWO Friends desire Situation together, country, as Helps, for gen. or h'maid. N.L., P.O., Burwood.

TWO refined young Ladies would like POSITIONS on station as Companion and Nursery Governess, West. dist. pref.; open 1 wk. Miss Knowles, G.P.O., Syd.

WIDOWER or bachelors, refined lady, sit. h'keeper, g. ck., g. ref., fond child. M. H., 34 Milson-st, N.S.

WANTED, by resp. y. Man, Employ. as Driver, butcher or baker's cart. 407 Parramatta-rd, Leichhardt.

WANTED, by resp. Woman, WORK, by day. J.M., P.O., 142 Palmer-st, Darlinghurst.

WANTED, Sit., by strong reliable willing Person, gen. State wages, M. C., Paddington P.O., Padd.

WOMAN, good sailor, would give services for Passage to England. Apply GILCHRIST, Ballandean, Queensland.

YOUNG Man seeks SITUATION, asst. cellar or produce store. G.M.L., Herald.

YOUNG Man seeks Employment, assist in warehouse, good writer. J.K., Herald.

YOUNG Man seeks SITUATION, groom, garden, and useful. C.Y., Herald.

YOUNG Woman, with a child walking, wants PLACE as Lady Help. 396, Herald Office.

YOUNG Man requires WORK, town or country, used to horses. C. D., Herald Branch.

YOUNG MAN, 26 yrs., with Station and Dairy Farm exper., seeks ENGAGEMENT. 391, Herald.

YOUNG HOUSEMAID would like position, Mountains preferred. B. Kerr, Post-office, Campsie.

YOUNG Woman seeks Sit., Hotel General, assist bar if req. By letter, A.D., 27 Pine-st, city.

YOUNG WOMAN, with walking child, would like light Position in the suburbs. Apply ANXIOUS, Post-office, Bondi.

PERSONAL AND MISSING FRIENDS.

A STEADY TRADESMAN, [illegible], wishes to Correspond with a Lady or Widow, about the same age, view to Matrimony. Will, G.P.O., Oxford-street.

CIVIL SERVICE.—Information received; glad of more. Would like to meet.

LITTLE LADY, away Saturday morning till Monday mid-day. Do write. How about Friday?

MATRIMONY.—Yg. good-look. Gent., means, lik. meet refined Girl, 18-24. T. M., Haymarket P.O.

MAT.—A Widower desires to make the acquaintance of young Lady, age about 25. Apply I. M., Burwood P.O.

MATRIMONY.—Young Englishwoman, Protestant, domesticated, good cook and h'keeper, no means, des. to meet gd. sober, hon'ble Man, about 40, no obj. to country, genuine. Send addr., Miss C. N., Syd. P.O.

WOULD Olive Blair (Mabel) kindly send address to her friend, Wm. Macdonald, Johnston-st.

WOMAN desires acquaintance resp. tradesman, 45, re matrimony. H.C. J. J., William-st P.O.

WOULD Gent, in sulky spoke 2 Ladies, Fitzroy-street, on Boxing Night, meet same place Wednesday night, 7.30.

WILL Young Lady from Petersham, had appointment 2.30, Wednesday, Tivoli end Imperial Arcade, make appointment for next week. F. W., Post-office, Q. V. Markets.

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LOST AND FOUND.

BLACK and Tan Airedale Terrier, scar on ear. Reward. C. C. M., 141 Elizabeth-st.

BROWN Paper Parcel, containing Hairdresser's Tools, left in train between 9 and 11 a.m. on the 25th from Campsie, Sydney, Oatley. Finder rewarded returning C. JAMES, Ninth-avenue, Campsie.

HAND BAG, Lost (black); good reward. 132 Phillip-st.

LOST, Bond Warrant, M. 3150, for 5 Cases in Argyle Bond. Please ret., Geo. Dan, Eliz.-st, Redfern.

LOST, a lady's green enamel Swiss Watch, in Queen-st, nr. Underw'd-st, Padd.; rew. 114 Underw'd-st.

LOST, top Set Teeth, Mond., 1 gold tooth left side. Hands rew. return'g Mongolia, M'Kenzie-st, Leich.

LOST, Tues. night, bet. Baumann's Cafe and cr. King and Geo. sts, 1 b. Scarf. R. Dist. Co. 19 Angel-pl.

LOST, POSTCARD, Photo. Tennis Match, outside G.P.O.; reward. Lawrence, 312 Kent-st.

LOST, at North Sydney, 2 KEYS, on ring; reward. R. B. Pitt, 94 Walker-st, N. Sydney.

LOST, large Fox-terrier, Sund., answ. name Kaffir; rew. T. Hogan, c. W. J. Hickey, Devona, Eliz. sts.

LOST, Old-age Pension Certificate, 17,828, name Adelaide Victoria Carter. 10 Birchgrove-rd, Balmain.

LOST, Jubilee Sov. Brooch, Sun., bet. C'gee and Lit. C'gee, or Balm'n; rew. 199 Darling-st, Balmain.

LOST, Gold Cable BRACELET, Wednesday, good reward. Labrador, 217 Macquarie-st.

LOST, Tuesday, bet. 5 and 6, Gent.'s Dark Overcoat, bet. St'more-Lhdt.; rwd, Westbrook, Allen-st, Lhdt.

LOST, Sunday, bet. Lands Office and N. S. Ferry, Gold Pendant; reward. 32 Taylor-st, Darlinghurst.

LOST, from 50 Womerah-av., Darlinghurst, Wednesd. morn., Grey and Yellow Parakeet. Reward.

LOST, bet. Railway and Haymarket, Gold Ruby Locket, with photo. inside; £1 rwd. 657 George-st.

LOST, in 1.1 tram from George-st, or bet. top of Wm.-st and Surrey-st, Pr. Specs. 41 Surrey-st, Dhst.

LOST, SPECTACLES, centre path, Domain. Return 68 Stanley-st, Hyde Park.

TO get the greatest pleasure out of your breakfast, dinner, and tea, you need
YORKSHIRE RELISH,
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Economical, as a little of it goes a long way.
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COME, Lowe's Clean Sweep is on. Out go all Summer Gds. Straw boaters, now 4/11. Closed To-day.

TREBLE REFINED CORNFLOUR. It is only natural that every woman who takes a pride in her housekeeping should, amongst other groceries, want the best Cornflour. Every one claims his particular brand as the best, and we have no doubt that the lady of the house finds it difficult to choose. Will it help you to know that
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SHI-NOLEUM gives a brilliant, lasting Polish to LINOLEUMS with very little work. Being in paste form it cannot spill, and very little is required to give a bright surface to the floors.
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In your own interest we would warn you to beware of IMITATIONS, said to be "just as good." See that the name SHI-NOLEUM is on the tin.
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WHITE FEATHER BOAS, 21s, post free; length 1¼ yard. They are exceptionally pretty, and can be worn with any costume. We invite you to call and try one on. The wearing quality is only excelled by their beauty.
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LOST AND FOUND.

LOST, Gold-mounted BROOCH, bet. Newcastle and Pyrmont Bridge; reward. [illegible] Allen-st, Pyrmont.

LOST, early this week, Set Teeth, in small tobacco tin; [illegible] rwd. 225 Liverpool-st, near Riley-st.

LOST, bet. Bray-st, Waverley, and Bondi Jun., Brown Paper Parcel; reward. 78 Ivy-st, Redfern.

LOST, Wednesday morning, white Cockatoo with ring on leg. Reward. W. Connelly, 70 Greek-st, Glebe.

LOST, sil. mt. Patarol, name B. A. Hayden, D. Jones, M'Cathie. Rew. Royal Hotel, Abercrombie-st, Rdfn.

LOST, Wednesday, in Audley-st, lady's Buckle and Belt. Reward. Thornbury, Fisher-st, Petersham.

LOST, PENSION BOOK and RECEIPT. Apply Mrs. Sarah White, 39 Glebe-st, Glebe.

LOST, Monday, Motor Cycle Belt, near city. Reward. Alhambra Theatre, Haymarket.

LOST, Sun., 2 Overcoats, betw. Hurstville and Ashfield; rwd. A. Whiteley, Carrington-st, Hurstvl.

LOST, Wed. Aft., at Lyceum Theatre, Gent.'s Umbrella; rew. Russell, Pelham Hall, Forbes-st, W'loo.

LOST, corner King-Elizabeth sts, city, Parcel, contg. Blouse; reward. [illegible], Waverley.

LOST, in William-st, Bunch of Keys, Wed. Will finder return 61 Darlinghurst-rd.

LOST, bet. Belmore Stn. and School, Lady's Bead Bag. Reward at Commission Agent's, near station.

LOST, [illegible] stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

LOST, Sunday, between Coogee and Newtown-road, HANDBAG containing [illegible]. Reward. 150 King-street, Newtown.

LOST, at Newtown, right pointed Gold PENDANT, inlaid on one side with shell. Reward. 3 Forbes-street, Redfern.

LOST, GOLD SLEEVE LINK, [illegible] REWARD. O'BRIEN'S BROS., Tel., 566 Waverley. Bondi-road.

LOST, between Summer Hill and Lassetter's, or in 8.30 a.m. tram from Summer Hill, [illegible] Gold BROOCH. Good reward. Miss M'ALISTER, Lassetter's Showroom, or Glen Ayr, [illegible] Summer H.

ONE POUND REWARD. LOST. Bay Chestnut PONY GELDING, bald face, brand [illegible] off shoulder; [illegible] G. WEBB, Joseph-street, Rookwood.

PERSON who picked up Lady's HANDBAG on Wednesday evening in Wellington-street, Camperdown, please return to 28 Marrion-street. Reward.

REW., 10s. Lost, Pug Puppy, [illegible] Paddington.

REWARD, £1. Lost, P'shim, [illegible] Dog, answers Tip. 55 Douglas-st, [illegible]

REWARD 5s.—Lost, Purse, [illegible]

REWARD.—Lost, one Bay PONY, [illegible] white star on forehead, [illegible] turn Parker, coachbuilder, St. Peter's [illegible], Newtown.

STRAYED from 347 Annandale-st, [illegible] Fox-terrier, black [illegible], reward.

FOUND, Lady's PURSE, Balmain. [illegible]

FOUND in Annandale, [illegible]

FOUND, a Purse and Contents, [illegible]

NORTH Botany Pound. Black Gelding, branded near shoulder like PO over H [illegible]

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. ISHERWOOD, English [illegible], daily Seasons, Mon. and Thurs. at 8, [illegible] D'hurst.

MADAM ADELL. Massage, [illegible] 41 Bourke-st. [illegible]

MADAME DE LISLE, the Famous Egyptian, 41 Elizabeth-st, near King-st, upstairs.

WANTED, kind Person to Adopt Baby, [illegible]

WANTED, kind, refined Person, take charge Girl, 6, [illegible]

WANTED, kind Lady, care of adopt. Baby Girl, [illegible]

WANTED, Kind Person, to Adopt [illegible] Baby Boy, [illegible]

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